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Newsletter – August 2008

Visit of Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi to UK (APP – July 24, 2008)



Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi in his maiden official visit of three days met with British Ministers including Foreign Secretary David Miliband, Defence Secretary Des Browne and Communities Secretary Hazel Blears. He also had talks with the Leader of H.M. Opposition David Cameron and Shadow

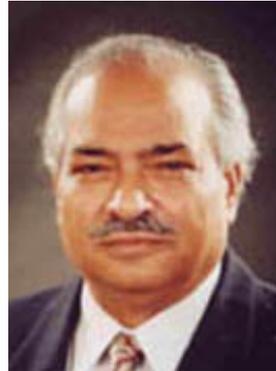
Foreign Secretary William Hague in addition to speaking at a think tank, IISS and attending a roundtable conference in the parliament.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi briefed David Cameron at the House of Commons on Indo-Pakistan relations, Pak-Afghan ties and informed him of the efforts Pakistan Government is making to keep relationship positive. He also briefed Cameron on three pronged comprehensive strategy of the democratic Government to counter extremism and terrorism. The Foreign Minister said UK was the third largest trading partner of Pakistan in the world and the largest in European Union. He urged support for Pakistan's efforts to gain GSP plus status in the EU. Cameron said UK believed in free trade and that he would use his influence in obtaining GSP plus status for Pakistan. Cameron said he was looking forward to his visit to Pakistan from September 2 to 4.

In his meeting with Communities Secretary Blears, Mr Qureshi said one million strong British-Pakistan community is a useful linkage between Pakistan and United Kingdom. He said Pakistan has an abiding and profound interest in augmenting bilateral relations to their mutual advantage. He added that Pakistan and Britain has shared values and commonality of perceptions on regional and global issues including democracy and fight against terrorism. The Foreign Minister underscored the importance of employment and economic development for weaning away the youth of the ethnic community from terrorism.

The Foreign Minister also noted the presence of four British-Pakistanis in the House of Commons, as many in the House of Lords and one in the European Parliament and one as a member of the British cabinet. The Communities Secretary spoke of the significant profile of British-Pakistanis in the British politics, parliament and in local government. She said there is a record number of 280 councillors of Pakistan origin including four mayors and one deputy mayor. Blears told the Foreign Minister that she would be visiting Pakistan from July 28 to 30 and will meet a number of Parliamentarians in Islamabad. She will also pay a visit to the Fatima Jinnah Women University in Rawalpindi.

Our New Hon. President



The Society extends a very warm welcome to the newly appointed High Commissioner for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan HE Mr. Wajid Shamsul Hasan. His Excellency formally assumed charge on 23 June 2008.

Earlier, he visited the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to hand over a copy of his credentials. The formal presentation of credentials to Her Majesty The Queen will follow in due course.

This is his second stint as Pakistan's top diplomat in London having earlier served in the same capacity from 1994 to 1996.

At the Society's 55th Annual Dinner on 24th June at Lincoln's Inn, the High Commissioner praised the role of the Society as the standard bearers of friendship and harmony between the two countries and its peoples. He said "Since its inception in 1951, the Pakistan Society has been in the forefront of efforts to promote better understanding between our two peoples and bringing them closer. Its activities have added significance in our changing world which is becoming more and more cosmopolitan in its essence and outlook"



Hon. Vice President of The Pakistan Society, Sir David Green KCMG is the new Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

He was previously Director General of the British Council, Director of VSO, deputy to the Director-General of Save the Children, and Director of Children's Relief International.

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House of Commons Hansard Written Answers for 3 July 2008 (pt 0023)

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Pakistan: Politics and Government

Mr. Gordon Prentice: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent steps he has taken to encourage democratic developments in Pakistan; and if he will make a statement. [214430]

Dr. Howells: To support a sustained democratic transition in Pakistan, we are talking to leaders from across the political spectrum. The recent visits by my right hon. Friends the Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary and the Defence Secretary, have emphasised to Pakistan's leaders the UK's commitment to promoting good governance, strengthening democratic institutions, electoral reform and combating violent extremism and terrorism. We are encouraging Pakistan's political leaders to work together and take a comprehensive approach to development, governance and security so that a more prosperous and stable society based on parliamentary democracy and the rule of law can be established.

We are also supporting the institutional capacity needed for a stable democracy to take root in Pakistan. The Department for International Development provided £3.5 million to support the recent electoral process in Pakistan. This programme supported the administrative capacity of the Election Commission of Pakistan and civil society work to increase turnout and educate voters. The UK supported and participated in the EU Election Observation Mission (EUEOM) in February 2008 and will support the electoral reforms recommended in the EUEOM final report. UK development assistance to Pakistan will double to £480 million over the next three years. This assistance includes work to strengthen civil society and the capability of government and help to improve government accountability and responsiveness.

We are also working with EU partners to enhance the EU's commitment to Pakistan to provide assistance and cooperation on economic development and trade, counter-terrorism, non-proliferation, human rights, migration and education.

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pakistan

Purpose: To provide a forum to discuss all matters related to Pakistan and also pertinent issues related to Pakistanis living in the UK.

Officers Chair: Stewart Jackson (Con)
Vice-Chairs: Dr Brian Iddon (Lab) Rob Wilson (Con)
Treasurer/Secretary: Paul Rowen (LD)

Twenty Qualifying Members

Government Party:

1. Lyn Brown
2. Dr Brian Iddon
3. Harry Cohen
4. Lord Ahmed
5. Gordon Prentice
6. Marsha Singh
7. Madeleine Moon
8. Baroness Uddin
9. Lord Clarke of Hampstead
10. Lord Evans of Watford

Main Opposition Party:

11. Stewart Jackson
12. Rob Wilson
13. Greg Hands
14. Ian Liddell-Grainger
15. Lord Elton
16. Brooks Newmark

Other:

17. Paul Rowen (LD)
18. Richard Younger-Ross (LD)
19. Baroness Northover (LD)
20. Lord McNally (LD)

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The Nature of All-Party Groups

All-party groups are regarded as relatively informal compared with other cross-party bodies such as select committees of the House. The membership of all-party groups mainly comprises backbench Members of the House of Commons and Lords but may also include ministers and non-parliamentarians. Groups flourish and wane according to the interests and enthusiasm of Members. Most country groups are affiliated to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's UK Branch and/or the Inter-Parliamentary Union's British Group.

Pakistan committed to the Commonwealth



Commonwealth Secretary-General Mr Kamalesh Sharma with Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi at Marlborough House on the 25th July 2008

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that the Government of Pakistan greatly valued its Commonwealth membership and was firmly committed to upholding the democratic principles of the Commonwealth.

During a meeting with the Commonwealth Secretary-General Mr Kamalesh Sharma in London on 25 July, Mr Qureshi said that following the elections held on 18 February the new Government of Pakistan was upholding the established Commonwealth principles of democracy including freedom of speech and expression. He added that Pakistan was keen to play an active role and contribute more effectively to the Commonwealth. The Secretary-General said that Commonwealth experience and expertise was available for the Government of Pakistan in various areas of governance. Mr Sharma also accepted with pleasure an invitation from the Pakistan Foreign Minister to visit Pakistan at a mutually convenient time.

Honour for Azra Meadows

The Pakistan Society Member, **Dr Azra Meadows** MSc PhD CBIol MiBiol FLS FZS, Honorary Lecturer in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Glasgow, was appointed an OBE for services to UK and international community relations.

Dr Meadows said: "I am deeply honoured by the award, which also reflects the University's long-term internationalisation agenda. I am especially pleased because I and my husband Peter have a central commitment to rural communities in developing countries, and to international students in the UK. This, and working abroad with the British Council on international student exchange schemes, and with the wider community in the UK on ethnic minority issues, continue to be enormously rewarding to us both."

Pakistan and UK re-elected to UN Human Rights Council (May 2008)



Pakistan was re-elected to the new UN Human Rights Council, reflecting renewed international confidence in the country following its return to full democracy.

Elections to fill 15 of the 47 seats on the Geneva-based Council took place in the 192-member General Assembly. Other elected from Asia were Japan, Bahrain and South Korea. Pakistan polled 114 votes when 97 votes were required.

Pakistan's permanent representative at the United Nations, Ambassador Munir Akram said: "Pakistan looks forward to continuing its active contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights all over the world, especially the right to development and economic and social prosperity as well as political and civil rights."

Commenting on the UK's re-election to the UN Human Rights Council, the Foreign Secretary, David Miliband said;

'The UK's election to the Human Rights Council is great news. This underscores the UK's commitment to the highest standards of human rights both at home and around the world.

'The UN plays a vital role in the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, and the Human Rights Council has a key responsibility to support that role. The UK stood for election because we want to continue to build the Council into the strong and effective body it needs to be.'

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever our nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, language, or any other status. We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. These rights are all interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.

Universal human rights are often expressed and guaranteed by law, in the forms of treaties, customary international law, general principles and other sources of international law. International human rights law lays down obligations of Governments to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.

The Centaurus will be the next icon of Pakistan



Pakistan's first 7-star Hotel's Construction begins

First seven-star hotel project has recently been inaugurated. This \$350 million complex is planned to have a 37-storey deluxe hotel, with two 21-storey residential towers, a 25-storey corporate office complex, and a 5-storey shopping mall. The complex will have a parking lot that would accommodate over 2,000 vehicles. The structure complies with the building codes of the Capital Development Authority and is designed to sustain an earthquake of 9.5 Richter scale.



About The Centaurus Project

The Developers: Pak Gulf Construction (Pvt.) Ltd. (PGCL)

PGCL is a joint venture of Al Tamimi Group (Saudi Arabia) and Sardar Builders (Pakistan).

The Designer: WS Atkins plc (UK)

The Centaurus consists of 6.59 acres of architectural brilliance in the heart of Islamabad. It is designed by Atkins, the largest engineering consultancy in the UK, which has a solid reputation in the creation of stunning buildings like the awe inspiring Burj-ul-Arab, Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Twisting Tower, 21st Century Tower etc.

The Centaurus consists of 7 Star Hotel, Corporate Complex, Two Residential Towers and International Standard Shopping Mall. It can bear up to 9.5 Magnitude Earth Quake and will be completed by 2010.



ICC Champions Trophy 2008 remains in Pakistan



The ICC board has decided to go ahead with staging the Champions Trophy in Pakistan, as originally planned, ending months of speculation over the venue in light of security concerns. The governing body's executive board, which conducted a teleconference in July to decide on the issue, felt any shift would "set a precedent" and be "a tremendous blow to the region, especially ahead of the 2011 World Cup", to be jointly organised by the four Asian boards.

However, while seven of the ICC board's ten Full Members, spearheaded by India, expressed their overwhelming support for Pakistan, it is believed that at least three - England, Australia and New Zealand - have informed the governing body that their players "don't want to" play in Pakistan due to the prevailing security climate there".

The teleconference lasted a little over two hours after which the ICC said in a press release that "the board considered various security reports and discussed at length the concerns of some members and stakeholders as well as the perceptions of Pakistan that may exist in some quarters".

After the ICC meeting, Dr Nasim Ashraf, the PCB chairman, told reporters "The Champions Trophy will stay in Pakistan and we thank all member countries for their kind support. Let me assure to you that it was a correct decision by the ICC keeping in mind that there should be unity in cricket. We are committed to providing the kind of security which we have promised to the ICC."

Security will still be the ICC's main concern and, with the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) strongly advocating a shift of venue, the ICC board - which was "deeply worried that a players' pullout would devalue the event"- has set up a task force that will assess and monitor the security situation in the three Pakistani venues - Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi.

The ICC is aware that work still needs to be done on the security front and has gone ahead based on the ICC security consultants' report and assurances from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) that "levels of security seen during the six-nation Asia Cup will be delivered". The ICC board was made aware that this could mean that "players will be subjected to effective hotel arrest, and not allowed out at all".

The ICC-appointed task force will carry out its inspection after August 14th. The tournament, featuring the top eight ODI teams, will be held from September 11-28.

The **ICC Champions Trophy**, also known as the **Mini World Cup**, is cricket's One Day International tournament second in importance only to the Cricket World Cup.

It was inaugurated as the **ICC Knock Out tournament** in 1998 and has been played every two years since, changing its name to the Champions Trophy in 2002. Originally, all ten full members of the ICC took part, together with two associate members. From 2008, this will be changed to the 8 highest-ranked ODI teams as placed 6 months out from the tournament.

The next **ICC Cricket World Cup** will be held in 2011 in Bangladesh, India, **Pakistan** and Sri Lanka.

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| 11 Sept | Group A | Pakistan v West Indies | Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore |
| 12 Sept | Group B | New Zealand v Sri Lanka | National Stadium, Karachi |
| 13 Sept | Group A | Australia v India | Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore |
| 14 Sept | Group B | England v Sri Lanka | National Stadium, Karachi |
| 15 Sept | Group B | New Zealand v South Africa | Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium |
| 16 Sept | Group A | India v West Indies | National Stadium, Karachi |
| 17 Sept | Group A | Pakistan v Australia | Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium |
| 18 Sept | Group B | South Africa v Sri Lanka | Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore |
| 19 Sept | Group B | England v New Zealand | Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium |
| 20 Sept | Group A | Pakistan v India | Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore |
| 21 Sept | Group A | Australia v West Indies | National Stadium, Karachi |
| 21 Sept | Group B | England v South Africa | Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium |
| 24 Sept | Semi-Final | | National Stadium, Karachi |
| 25 Sept | Semi-Final | | Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium |
| 28 Sept | Final | | Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore |

Badshahi Mosque being renovated after 27 years



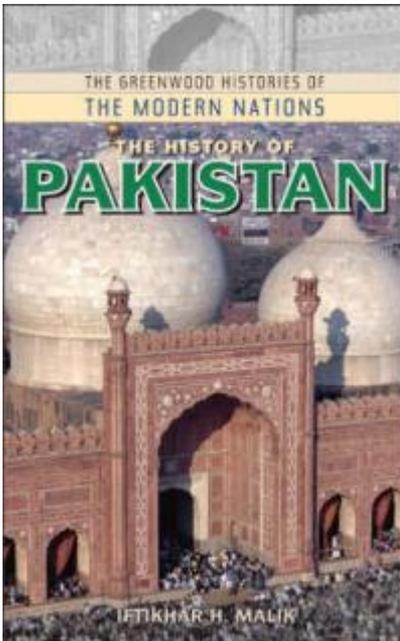
The Punjab Archaeology Department (PAD) is renovating the Badshahi Masjid after an interval of 27 years.

PAD had planned to renovate the red stone verandah of the mosque more than a decade ago but could not start the work due to lack of funds. The red stone imported from India, had been stacked at the back courtyard of the mosque since 1980s. The Rs 40 million project will be completed by 2010.

The Badshahi Masjid was built in 1673 by the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb Alamgir. The mosque represents the very best of the Mughal architecture and beauty. The mosque is a symbol of Lahore's culture and rich historical traditions. The mosque has been

enlisted as a part of the World Heritage.

The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations



The History of Pakistan by Iftikhar H. Malik explores the rich and intricate past of a highly diverse nation still in the process of determining its own identity. Rooted in the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, shaped by the cultures of both the Middle and Far East, and now predominantly devoted to Islam, Pakistan has emerged as a unique Indo-Muslim community, viewed with caution and curiosity by the rest of the world. In this latest volume of Greenwood's History of Modern Nations series, readers discover the foundations of modern Pakistan, from its earliest empires and shared history with India to the coming of Islam and its successful fight for independence in 1947. This highly informative guide also examines the key issues and attitudes guiding Pakistan today: their volatile feud with India over the region of Kashmir and the right to nuclear development, internal debates over the role of Islam in Pakistani society, and the unbreakable dominance of the military in political affairs. Poised between a radically changing India and the politically unstable Middle East, Pakistan is an important nation to understand as it determines its course in rapidly a changing world.

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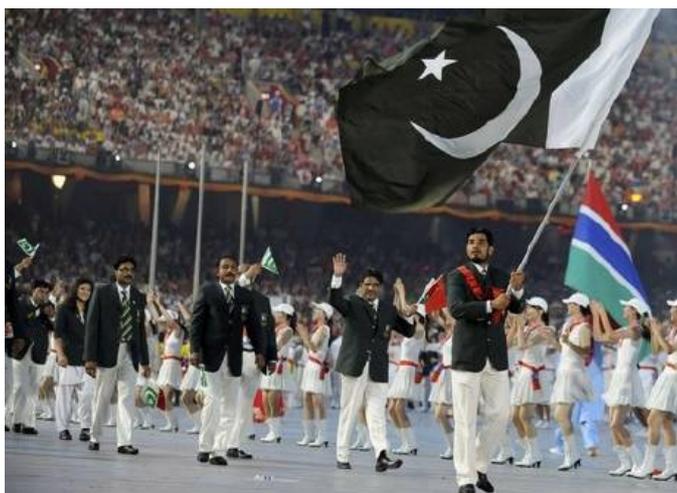
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Calendar of Major Tourism Events of Pakistan 2008

| Month | Date | Event |
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| December | 20 th & 21 st | National Camel Safari, Cholistan |
| September | 27 th | World Tourism Day, Lahore |
| October | 18 th & 19 th | Light & Sound and Cultural Show, Moenjodaro |
| November | 15 th & 16 th | International Tourism Convention, Karachi. |

Zeeshan leads Pakistan squad at Games opening ceremony



37-member squad including officials are representing Pakistan at the 29th Olympic Games in Beijing.

For the first time in 48 years, not a single Pakistani boxer is appearing in the Games after failing to qualify. Pakistan's arch rival India too will be missing in field hockey after they failed to qualify for Olympic for the first time in 84 years. Pakistan qualified for the hockey event on default at the Asian Games after China qualified as the host, leaving Pakistan to qualify as the second Asian team behind South Korea.

Pakistan got wild-card entries in athletics with Abdul Rashid and Sadaf Siddiqui, swimming with Adil Baig and Kiran Khan and shooting with Muhammad Siddique Umar.

Team Pakistan

Athletes: 21 (19 men and 2 women), Officials: 10

Sport: Hockey

Wild Card Entry: Athletics, Shooting and Swimming

Rewards: Pakistan Hockey Federation has said that each player will get \$300 on winning each of the preliminary round matches while the cash prize for reaching the semi-final will be \$2,000 and the prize for reaching the final will be \$5000.

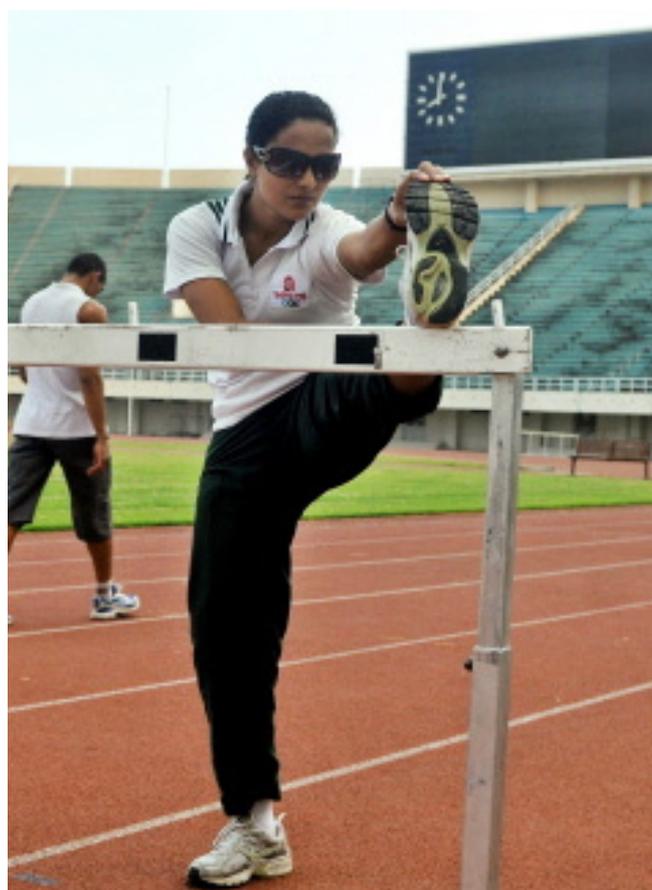
Team GB

Athletes: 313 (169 men and 144 women), Officials: 236

Sport: Aquatics, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Gymnastics, Judo, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon, Weightlifting

Wild Card Entry:

Rewards: In athletics all British medal winners will be given an Alfa Romeo of their choice after UK Athletics, the governing body, signed a sponsorship deal with the car maker. Gold, silver and bronze medallists in track and field will also be given cash awards (£5,000 for gold, £4,000 for silver and £3,000 for bronze) paid for by Norwich Union. Bonuses are also being offered in judo to recognise the "commitment and self-sacrifice" of British competitors. Those picking up a gold medal will be awarded £20,000. Silver medallists will get £10,000 and bronze medallists £5,000. In sailing – those making the podium will collect bonuses of up to £10,000 funded by sponsors.



The World's LARGEST Military Air Show

38th Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire 12-13 July 2008



First P-3C Orion of the Pakistan Navy (28 Sqn. Pakistan Naval Air Arm) Note the special painted tail and also the words "Worlds Youngest Orion, RIAT 2008" on the nose! (Photo courtesy of Mr Kevin Gutt, Fürstenwalde, Germany)

Few air shows can rival sheer size and excitement as aircraft and aircrew from around the world descend on RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire each July for this annual, global celebration of aviation. With over 300+ aircraft participating each year, upwards of 170,000 visitors and support from the Royal Air Force and some of the world's leading aerospace companies, the Royal International Air Tattoo has been acknowledged as not only the world's largest military air show but also one of the UK's premier outdoor events for the whole family!

Pakistan Naval aircraft P-3C participated in Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT). This was the first time, where an aircraft from PN's air arm has taken part in any international air show. The tail of PN P-3C aircraft was beautifully painted and decorated showing heritage of the great Indus civilization of Moenjodaro and Harappa.

This year's theme was 'Global Engagement'; a concept that seeks to build the trust and understanding that is crucial to developing relationships and co-operation in order to promote peace and stability in difficult times.

Secretary of State for Defence The Rt. Hon. Des Browne MP calls on the Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi (May 26, 2008)

Secretary of State Des Browne, during his maiden visit to Pakistan, called on the Foreign Minister and held discussions on bilateral relations, and regional and international issues of common interest. This was 3rd high-level visit from the United Kingdom, after two earlier visits of Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary, aimed at establishing contact with the new democratic government.

The Foreign Minister conveyed appreciation of the Government of Pakistan for the role played by the United Kingdom towards restoration of Pakistan's membership to the Councils of Commonwealth. He also appreciated United Kingdom's support for Pakistan's economic development and security.

The Foreign Minister briefed him on the ongoing political process and the Government of Pakistan's comprehensive and multi-pronged approach towards addressing the issues of extremism and terrorism. They discussed the evolving situation in Afghanistan. Des Browne acknowledged Pakistan's positive contribution towards reconstruction, and peace and stability in Afghanistan and in the region.

Following his meetings, Des Browne attended a dinner at the Pakistan Air Force Officers' mess in Islamabad, which was held in his honour by the Defence minister.

Recent Events

The **Annual General Meeting** followed by a **Reception** was held on **Wednesday, 2 April 2008**. HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi was in Pakistan, therefore, Mr Manzoorul Haq, Minister Political officiated. Lt Gen Anthony Palmer gave a resume of events held in the past twelve months. William Hutchinson, the Auditors presented the accounts for year ending December 2007 as our Treasurer Mr Emran Husain was out of the country.

On **Wednesday, 9 April 2008**, The Pakistan Society paid tribute to late Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. She became the first woman in modern history to lead a Muslim country, serving as Prime Minister of Pakistan from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1996. Sir Nicholas Barrington and Victoria Schofield talked about their personal equation with the late Prime Minister. Farah Durrani introduced the screening of a short film on the life of Benazir Bhutto and Imam Dr Abdul Sajid shared his personal recollections.

We are always keen to show the best that Pakistan has to offer to the tourist. On **Thursday 15 May 2008**, Amy Adams, Deputy Editor of TNT Magazine and Sarah Baxter Deputy Editor Wanderlust Magazine entertained us with details of their recent journeys to Pakistan. Mohammad Zahir an archaeologist from Pakistan (currently doing his PhD in the UK) talked about recent archaeological finds in the Northern Areas.

Having waited two years since we applied to visit, **the tour of the gardens at Highgrove on Tuesday, 20 May 2008** was a wonderful experience, a treat for the senses in every way and well worth the wait! Highgrove House is the Gloucestershire home of HRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. The weather was lovely. We were welcomed with a refreshing cup of tea and biscuits after our long drive from London. Our walk lasted two hours during which our guide gave us a history of the House and garden, pointing out plants and other features the Prince has incorporated to make it so special.

On **Thursday, 29 May 2008** a Reception was held at the High Commission to say **farewell to HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi**. Lt Gen Palmer addressed the gathering saying we would all miss her and her enthusiasm to promote Pakistan in every way she could! Dr Lodhi was asked constantly what her future plans were. She said she had many plans for the future but would relax for a while before beginning something new.

The **55th Annual Dinner** of The Pakistan Society was held on **Tuesday, 24 June 2008** at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. This was an opportunity for members and friends to meet the new High Commissioner for Pakistan HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan and Mrs Zarina Hasan. The guest of honour was the Rt. Hon. Des Brown MP, Secretary of State for Defence. Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss had a few minutes to tell everyone about the Muzaffarabad Appeal. For the first time we had members of the Quetta Association who recently joined the Society and attended the Dinner. The Award this year went to our Treasurer Emran Husain for his long standing services to the Society.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 27 August 2008

Reception to welcome the new High Commissioner for Pakistan

Opportunity for members to meet HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan and Mrs Zarina Hasan

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm **Venue:** High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

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

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Pakistan's Fascinating Wildlife

Dr Tom Roberts SI

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

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

The War on Terror Revisited

General Sir Michael Rose KCB CBE DSO QGM

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

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Eid and Christmas Reception

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

Other Events

An Exclusive Exhibition has been organised by the Consulate of Pakistan, Bradford to introduce 22 Carat Gold **Jewellery by Pakistani designer Shireen Khan** (MNA) - Newly elected member of Pakistan's National Assembly. In association with **IMANI** who will present designer collections by HSY, MARIA.B, NICKIE&NINA, RESHAM GHAR on **19 August 2008** at Anam's Restaurant, 211, Great Horton Road, Bradford, BD7 1RP Tel: 01274 522626. For further information contact imani@imanistudio.com or Call **0161 834 3367**



The Asian Development Bank: Business Opportunities Seminar

25 September 2008 from 09:30 to 16:00 hrs at BERR Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Event Description: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) operates in 44 developing member countries in the Asia and Pacific region, with its Headquarters based in Manila, Philippines. In 2007 the ADB approved total loan projects for US\$10.1 billion, grant projects for US\$672.7 million and technical assistance projects for US\$243.4 million. There are many opportunities for UK firms to win business through the ADB through the provision of civil works, the supply of goods and the provision of consulting services. UK firms can bid for ADB projects through working with firms based recipient countries as part of a Consortia, or individually if the UK firm has a presence in an ADB member country.

Further Information: The work of the ADB is aimed at improving the welfare of the population in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the 1.9 billion who live on less than \$2 a day. The ADB's lending operations are aimed at projects for the development of the following sectors: agriculture and natural resources, governance (law, economic management, public policy), transport, energy, finance and trade, social infrastructure (water, sewerage & waste management, urban development, health & nutrition, education) and gender and social development.

The Aid-Funded Business Service is delighted to welcome two speakers from the ADB who will be visiting the UK on 25th and 26th September 2008. Senior Procurement Specialists, Mr Terry Woods (Consulting Services) and Mr Robert Rothery (Goods & Civil Works) will present the opportunities available through working with the ADB and how to win business. Both speakers will also be available the following day for one to one appointments (bookable in advance).

Participation Fee: Free of Charge (maximum of 2 places per company). **Contact Details:** Claire Gamage, UKTI Aid-Funded Business Service, 75 Harborne Road, Birmingham, UK B15 3DH Telephone: 0845 603 0084 Email: c.gamage@afbs.org.uk

The Commonwealth: The Way Forward

Thursday **02, October, 2008**, 18:00 at the **Royal Commonwealth Society**

Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General

In this keynote address, the new Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamalesh Sharma, will outline his vision for the modern Commonwealth and will elucidate the role he sees himself playing as Secretary-General. Chaired by new RCS Chairman Sir David Green, this event will look to the future of the Commonwealth and the body of organisations which constitute its governmental and non-governmental structures. **RCS Contact: Nigel McCollum. Telephone: 020 7766 9205 nigel.mccollum@rcsint.org**



One Day Conference Dealing with International Terrorism and Regional Security:

Constitutional status and legal framework to the tribal areas in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Organised by EURASIA-NET, British Institute of International and

Comparative Law (BIICL) in association with the International Institute for Strategic Studies

from 09:30 to 18:00 hrs on **Tuesday 21 October 2008** at the BIICL, Charles Clore House,

17 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5JP

8th Annual Islamic Finance Summit

24 February 2009 - 25 February 2009 at **The Landmark, London**. Featuring over 100 speakers and playing host to more than 500 delegates, **Euromoney Seminars' Islamic Finance Summit** is the established Islamic finance event for the industry.

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