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Farewell to Sir Christopher MacRae KCMG



On 31st December 2005, Sir Christopher MacRae stepped down as Chairman of The Pakistan Society a position which he held for four years. During this period, he devoted himself unselfishly and loyally to the good of the Society and to building it up to what it has become today. Sir Christopher guided the Society through an exciting, challenging and a very busy period, encompassing the launch of the new logo and website, the temporary loss of office accommodation due to building renovation work and four Annual Dinners with VIP guests including the President of Pakistan, HRH The Prince of Wales, HRH Princes Sarvath El Hassan, HH the Aga Khan, HE Mohammedian Soomro, The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington and General the Lord Guthrie of Craigebank. After completing three years, Sir Christopher asked to be released from his duties as he was spending more time in France, but agreed to stay on until the end of 2005 to facilitate a smooth handover to Lt Gen Palmer. This decision is another example of his love and friendship for Pakistan and his unfailing sense of duty to the Society.

The Executive Committee will greatly miss his energy, enthusiasm and attention to detail and is deeply grateful for his outstanding leadership. We wish him and Lady MacRae all the best and hope they will pay us a visit in the not too distant future.

A Warm Welcome to the New Chairman Lieutenant General (Retired) A M D Palmer CB, CBE



Lieutenant General Anthony Palmer was commissioned into the Royal Green Jackets in 1970. He commanded a platoon in Londonderry for a year at the start of the troubles, leaving shortly before Bloody Sunday in 1971. He has served in Germany (twice) and he attended the Staff College in Pakistan in 1981. Most of the active part of his career has been spent in Northern Ireland and he commanded 8th Infantry Brigade based in Londonderry. He left there in 1995 to attend the Royal College of Defence Studies. After that relaxing year, he spent three years grappling with the Army's budget in the Ministry of Defence. He was responsible for the Army input to the Strategic Defence Review in 1996. He left Whitehall in 1998 to take up the position as Director General Army Training and Recruiting. After this he spent 6 months in Sarajevo as Deputy Commander (Operations) of the Stabilisation Force in Bosnia. He became Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel) in July 2002.

In 1999, he was appointed the first Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Army Music and he was also Colonel Commandant of 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets and Regimental Colonel Commandant, The Royal Green Jackets. He has been Colonel Commandant The Light Division during the difficult period during which the Infantry has been reorganised. He has been President of both the Army Cricket and Football Association. He retired in October 2005.

He is married with three children and lives in North Dorset. His interests include music – he is a keen amateur pianist and fisherman. He plays tennis and golf and supports Southampton Football Club.

Earthquake Update....

Three months on from the disaster in Azad Kashmir and NWFP, the lives of up to **3 million people** are now threatened by the present sub zero temperatures, and the relief effort is focused on getting survivors through the winter. Many children are among those who have died of exposure and pneumonia. Three authorities have now decided to distribute kerosene stoves, despite fears of tent blazes. The UN hopes information and training about the hazards of fire will help reduce this risk.

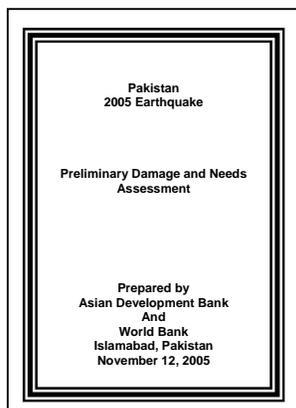
The UK's involvement in the relief effort has continued, with the visiting **Minister for Works and Pensions Stephen Timms** reiterating a promise to provide technical assistance when the reconstruction process begins in March. The Pakistan government has also thanked **the British people and the government for providing monetary and material assistance**. The latest on the aid effort is that the **first phase of the compensation process would be completed by Jan 15th**, with the re-opening of roads blocked by landslides and snow a top priority. Also important is disease prevention, winterization of tent dwellings and improving ration stocks in remote areas.



Many of the earthquake survivors living in refugee camps in Islamabad participated in a walk on January 7, to revive donors' interest in relief efforts. The **“Anti-Donor Fatigue March”** was organized by Khubaib Foundation and National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC).

The **United Nations** is building **100 Basic Health Units (BHUs)** in the quake-hit areas to cater to the needs of mother and child health. Each of these (60 in AJK and 40 in NWFP) will provide the services of a medical officer, a medical technician, a lady health visitor and support staff. Construction has already begun in Garhi Habibullah.

Preliminary Damage and Needs Assessment



At the request of the Government of Pakistan, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank conducted an assessment of post-earthquake needs and reconstruction costs. Its team visited the eight most affected districts of Abbottabad, Batagram, Kohistan, Poonch, Mansehra, Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Shangla to verify and evaluate the damage. It also consulted with experts from the Government and international organisations and agencies including the UN, the European Union, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, DFID and USAID.

ADB focused on the education, transport, water, energy, and agriculture sectors, while the World Bank concentrated on livelihood restoration, housing, health, industries, services and environment.

Cutting across these sectors, the World Bank team also conducted an economic assessment and assessed hazard risk management and social safeguard needs. ADB, meanwhile, assessed the institutional capacity for reconstruction. The UN conducted a parallel assessment, with a particular focus on immediate recovery and relief.

The conclusions are that in addition to the enormous human toll (over 73,000 killed), the earthquake and its aftermath will cost Pakistan **approximately US \$5.2 billion, which includes estimated costs for relief, livelihood support for victims, and reconstruction**. This provides policy-makers and stakeholders with a solid basis on which to design a comprehensive reconstruction strategy and to request assistance.

Overall Costs of the Earthquake

Category	US\$ Million
Relief	1,092
Death and Injury Compensation	205
Early Recovery	301
Restoration of Livelihoods	97
Reconstruction	3,503
<i>Short term Reconstruction</i>	450
<i>Medium/Long term Reconstruction</i>	3053
Total	5,198

Note: Excludes indirect losses (income) of \$576 million

The assessment identified the following 10 guiding principles:

- **Rapid rebuilding of people’s livelihoods.** Reviving production, trade and the creation of income and employment opportunities in support of people’s own initiatives.
- **Independence and self sufficiency.** Maximising use of local initiative, resources, and capacities, and ensuring community participation in all aspects of the process.
- **Subsidiarity and decentralization.** Taking decisions at the lowest level possible to ensure community ownership and empowerment and that the solutions are locally appropriate.
- **Focus on the most vulnerable and socially disadvantaged groups, such as children, women, and the disabled.** Disasters increase the vulnerability of all, but especially those who are already disadvantaged.
- **Secure development gains and progress in poverty reduction.** Disasters can reverse hard won gains in poverty reduction and development. The poor in areas not affected by the disaster should not lose out through reprioritisation of resources.
- **Restoring capacities to manage the recovery process.** Local institutions, including infrastructure, must be rebuilt. All levels of civil society should be encouraged and empowered to participate.
- **Transparency and accountability.** Ensuring the effective operation of the judicial system, and wide dissemination of information on all aspects of the recovery process.
- **Avoid the creation of new disaster risks.** Ensuring sensible and realistic measures to achieve progress, protect the environment, and reduce future disaster risks.
- **Encourage engagement of private sector and civil society.** Mobilising private investment—both human and financial – and harnessing contributions from companies, individuals and as well as the wider Pakistani diaspora beyond Pakistan, are harnessed.
- **Coordinated and coherent approaches to recovery.** Ensuring full and effective coordination among all involved agencies.

The President of Pakistan Relief Fund

(To date £ 3.39 Million has been collected for this fund from the UK)

How to Donate

Donations can be made through electronic transfer to the following Bank accounts

Bank	Account	Number	Sort Code
NatWest Bank	United National Bank	32634412	60-19-27
Habib Allied International Bank plc	President of Pakistan Relief Fund	10816601	60-95-11

Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to “**The President of Pakistan Relief Fund**” to The Pakistan Society, 8 Harriet Walk, London SW1X 9JH. Tel: 020 7235 9914

United Nations sponsored Donors Conference



Pakistan's development partners shared the findings of the Needs Assessment study with the delegates at the **Donors Conference held on November 19, in Islamabad**, to seek international community's financial, technical and in-kind support towards meeting the costs of the rehabilitation and reconstruction in the earthquake-affected areas.

International donors pledged to provide \$5.827 billion, including about \$1.9 billion in grants. International Development Minister Gareth Thomas pledged £70 million which will be paid out over 3 years. The new pledge brings the UK's total support to Pakistan, for both relief and reconstruction, to over £100m, to date and makes UK the second largest bilateral donor of post-earthquake relief funds (after the US).

Pledges for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation During Donors Conference on 19 November 2005 (US \$ million)

Country/Organization	Total	Loan
Afghanistan	1	
Aga Khan Foundation	55	
Asian Development Bank	1000	920
Azerbaijan	1.5	
Bangladesh	2	
Bhutan	0.1	
Canada	57	
China	326	300
Denmark	18.5	
European Commission	119	
France	124	94
Germany	100	
Greece	0.6	
India	25	
Indonesia	1	
IFAD	60	
International Monetary Fund	375	375
Iran	200	20
Islamic Development Bank	501	500
Italy	27.71	
Japan	120	100
Korea	3	
Kuwait	100	
Malaysia	1	
Mexico	0.3	
Morocco	1.5	
Norway	60	
Saudi Arabia	573	320
Singapore	0.4	
Sweden	45	20
Switzerland	40	
Thailand	0.3	
Turkey	150	
United Arab Emirates	100	
United States of America	510	
United Kingdom	120	
World Bank	1000	1000
TOTAL PLEDGES	5827.2	3939



Donors and creditors have been assured of total accountability and transparency in spending foreign funds, and the **Prime Minister** has said the President's Relief Fund would be expanded to bridge any financing gap.

The **UN** pledged to provide a tracking system for all funding, and the **ADB** will incorporate anti-corruption safeguards in its projects. Ownership by all the stakeholders — the government, civil society, affected communities, private sector and other development partners — was essential to curb corruption in the aftermath of such large-scale disaster. **ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda** said: "It is our mutual aim and obligation to ensure that every dollar, every rupee of our assistance goes to restore the livelihoods and property of the earthquake survivors".

World Bank Vice-President Praful C. Patel said: "Policies, procedures, regulation and oversight are required to avoid waste, fraud and distortion." He said it was also critical that reconstruction avoided any sense of unfairness by preferential treatment of one part of an affected area or of urban over rural areas.

Representatives of the **European countries** said they were answerable to their tax payers for the corruption-free use of their funds. In a joint statement, they said that the **10 guiding principles** — particularly **transparency and accountability** and the broad political ownership repeatedly emphasized by President Musharraf and Prime Minister Aziz — should serve as a basis for future cooperation.

DFID Response to Date

Current Operations

- **DFID has so far committed £46.9 million** out of a total £58 million pledged towards relief. £70 million has been pledged for reconstruction over three years. **UK total aid pledged is £128 million.**
- 16 flights have been sent to the region carrying over 1,200 tonnes of relief supplies, including: 3,472 winterised family tents; 19,700 collapsible 10-litre jerry cans; 40,000 sleeping mats; 30,000 tarpaulins; 27,280 wool blankets; HIC module; 14 vehicles; one trailer; 2 forklift trucks; 50 Global Positioning System units; 57 sleeping bags; 2 refuelers; and IHP module for base camps in humanitarian hubs.
- 20,000 tarpaulins and 2,000 winterised tents have been released to NGO partners from DFID stocks in Lahore.
- UK teams made 14 of the 24 live rescues made by international teams.
- We have made arrangements for 78 flights in support of the following DEC organizations: Oxfam, Merlin, Save the Children, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, World Vision, and Islamic Relief. DFID's commitment to fund DEC flights ceased as of 18 November.
- DFID Secondments: Liaison Officer for HIC (OCHA); Air Operations Expert (UN Joint Logistics Centre); 3 Shelter Experts (IOM); 1 Civ/Mil Officer (OCHA Military Civil Defence Agency); 1 Logistician (WHO); 4 Military Logistical Planners (UNJLC); 1 GIS officer for HIC (OCHA); 1 Air Ops (UNHAS); 2 Water Supply Specialists (UNICEF); 1 Senior Site Planner (UNHCR).

Ministry of Defence

- 59 Independent Commando Squadron, Royal Engineers to work under NATO command. DFID to pay marginal costs of this unit (up to £2.5 million). Team in place and working on shelter construction in high areas.
- Three military CH-47 Chinook helicopters ceased operations as of 25 November. The helicopters undertook humanitarian assistance flights for 28 days throughout the affected area. DFID paid marginal costs.

Planning/Operations

- DFID is in the process of procuring 176,000 blankets, 125,000 plastic sheets and 125,000 lengths of rope (13 metres each) to support the winterisation efforts.
- Delivery to IOM and shelter cluster partners dependent on manufacturing timetables. The first blankets and plastic sheets will arrive late December. All will be in country by 31 January.

DFID Funding Allocations

Non-Governmental Organisations	£11,146,265 (including £1,371,488 in-kind)
UN Agencies	£16,946,743 (including £500,000 in-kind)
Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement	£4,578,250
MOD Operations	Up to £3,000,000 pledged
DEC Airlift	£4,003,433 (79 flights)
NATO Support	Up to £3,700,000 pledged
ECHO	£1,600,000
DFID Pakistan	£1,000,000 pledged
DFID Direct Costs	£900,000
Total	£46,892,689



Famine, floods, earthquakes and conflicts: Whatever the emergency, fast action is needed to save lives. DFID in partnership with the Disasters and Emergencies Committee (DEC) - an umbrella organisation for the UK's 13 biggest charities - tells you how DFID and other organisation responds to major disasters and what you can do to help save the lives of people in an international emergency.

How to get hold of your FREE copy of 'How You Can Help'

- call DFID public Enquiry Point on 0845 300 4100
- or email enquiry@dfid.gov.uk

Virgin Atlantic Relief Flight to Islamabad



Virgin Atlantic operated a dedicated Boeing 747 relief flight from London Gatwick to Islamabad, carrying 55 tonnes of aid. Save the Children supplied the tents, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting and The Rotary Club supplied the Shelter boxes, which include a ten person tent, sleeping bags, water purification equipment, basic tools, lighting and kerosene fuelled cooking equipment.

Sir Richard Branson, Chairman of Virgin Atlantic, said: Everybody who works for Virgin Atlantic has been shocked and saddened to see the devastation in Pakistan caused by the recent earthquake. Save the Children and other aid agencies have no choice but to fly these supplies in. Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Unite have responded to this appalling tragedy by operating an aid flight. In fact, Rotary Club have made available more Shelter boxes than we can carry on this flight and I am pleased to say that our friends, and great rivals, **British Airways** have agreed to help out in addition to the other aid they've already transported. We hope the British public and other British companies will continue to support the relief effort to avert a loss of life greater than the original earthquake."

Manchester International Airport Asia quake appeal



An intensive fundraising drive launched by airport employees raised **£15,000** in just two weeks. Teams of volunteers placed collection

boxes around the terminals so passengers, visitors and staff could donate. The money was used to buy desperately-needed items such as tents and blankets, which were then transported by **Pakistan International Airlines**, with the help of **SM Cargo Services**.

Lord Mayor of Nottingham's Earthquake Appeal



The Lord Mayor of Nottingham, **Councillor Mohammed Munir's** Pakistan Earthquake Appeal has so far raised **over £42,000** through

a variety of activities. Immediate relief has also been sent, including tents, blankets and sleeping bags, donated by local and national companies. Collection points have been set up at a number of reception areas, including the Guildhall and the Council House, where a book of condolence has also been opened.



The Corporation of London has donated **£25,000** to the British Red Cross, one of the key agencies supplying emergency assistance to the affected areas. The money has been donated from the Corporation of London's own funds.



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

Hollywood superstars **Angelina Jolie**, who is a UN Goodwill Ambassador, and **Brad Pitt** spent their Thanksgiving weekend visiting earthquake victims in Pakistan. Angelina Jolie met President Musharraf and said the magnitude of the disaster called for consistent and long-term support for survivors. She also warned against "donor fatigue" and stressed the situation in Pakistan required an immediate world response. **Brad Pitt** pledged to buy 40 orthopaedic beds for an Islamabad hospital, at a cost of over \$100,000.

Jordan's Princess Sarvath El Hassan continues to raise Funds

Efforts have included collections in Jordan organised by the Young Muslim Women Association and the Hashemite Charity Organisation (HCO). Jordanian medical teams have treated over 8000 patients in Pakistan and a field hospital manned by the Jordanian Army and Jordanian volunteers will continue to treat patients throughout the winter. HCO managed to secure pledges of \$1 million from a telethon, to be utilised for the building of a new hospital in the Rawalakot area.

Members in the News

Members of the Society are invited to contribute news of themselves or others which might be of interest to readers of the Newsletter.

HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the London Metropolitan University for “providing leadership and inspiration”. The citation also said that in her present position as High Commissioner to the UK, she has acted as “a true bridge between two nations.” It also referred to her work in encouraging British society “to see beyond the stereotypes of Pakistan” and learn about the “range of positive opportunities that the ties between the two countries can achieve”.

Andrew Picken, former Deputy Director British Council Pakistan was mentioned in the New Year honours list. He received an OBE.

Sir Nicholas Barrington, Joseph T. Kendrick & Reinhard Schlagintweit have written a book entitled “**A Passage to Nuristan: exploring the mysterious Afghan Hinterland**” This book is about three young westerners - a Briton, an American and a German - who in 1960 set out to penetrate a land that few westerners had set eyes on. Unable to rely on maps or information on what would confront them, they were guided step by precarious step into the unknown world previously immortalised by Kipling's *The Man Who Would be King*. This is the contemporary record - now published for the first time - of an extraordinary journey. It will fascinate all who are interested in Afghanistan, Central Asia and travel. Pages: 256, Price: £19.50, Publishers: I.B.TAURIS, Availability: end January 2006.

Events

The Society hosted an economic event, “**Pakistan’s Economic Reforms and the Financial Services Sector**” on 3rd October at The Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London. The guest speakers were **Dr Ishrat Husain**, Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan and **Mr John Wall**, the World Bank Country Director for Pakistan. The event was generously sponsored by **United National Bank Limited** and was well attended by representatives from the financial services sector and Government departments.

On 9th November, an “**Eyewitness Briefing**” was held, TV journalists, **Sian Williams** and **Farah Durrani** of the BBC; and **Mark Austin** of ITN described what they had seen on the ground soon after the earthquake. They were joined by **Paul Wooster** and **Mark Allison-North** of the **RAPID-UK** search-and-rescue team, which was the first international team on the ground. On behalf of the Society, Lt Gen Palmer handed over donations (totalling over £2,000) to HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi for the President’s Relief Fund. It was a moving event.

On 15th November, **Andrew Picken**, former Director British Council Islamabad and Deputy Director Pakistan gave a very interesting and informative audio-visual presentation on the work of The British Council in Pakistan.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 25 January 2006

Face of Asia Exhibition including light refreshments

Host: Eliza Patten, Exhibition Coordinator Asia House

Time: 6 – 7.30 pm

Venue: Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP

Places: 60 (First come first served) Contact: Mrs Shama Husain Tel: 020 8444 4494

Thursday, 16 February 2006

Climate and Hydrology of the Upper Indus

David Archer

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1

Wednesday, 15 March 2006

Earthquake Update

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1

Wednesday, 5 April 2006

Annual General Meeting

Followed by High Commission update on the recent developments in Pakistan

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1

Wednesday, 10 May 2006

Rural Life in remote valleys of the Karakorum and Hindu Kush

Isobel Shaw

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1

Thursday, 15 June 2006

53rd Annual Dinner

Venue: The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC1

Wednesday, 28 June 2006

Field Marshal Wavell 1883-1950: Soldier and Viceroy

Victoria Schofield

Time: 1pm

Venue: The Royal Society for Asian Affairs, Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1

Places: 20 (First come first served) Contact: Shama Husain E-mail: shamahusain@fastmail.fm

Friday, 21 July 2006

Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Host: The Rt Hon Lord Weatherill, former Speaker of the House of Commons

Details will be announced in the next Newsletter

If interested, please let Shama Husain know by March 31st E-mail: shamahusain@fastmail.fm

Other Events

All-Party Parliamentary Group (Friends of Islam Forum) have organised a debate on “**The Concept of Honour and Women in Islam, in Theory and Practice**” at 5pm on 18th January. Venue: the Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Palace of Westminster. The Friends of Islam is a valuable initiative designed to develop a direct dialogue between the Muslim community, Parliamentarians and opinion formers on social, political and economic issues affecting Muslims living in the UK. **Speakers include: Judge Marilyn Mornington; Nazir Afzal, Director, Crown Prosecution Service; and Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali.** This will be followed by a reception. **For security purposes, confirmation of attendance is required. Contact: Ahmed Suleiman on 07789905320**

The High Commission has invited **Ethan Casey**, author of “**Alive and Well in Pakistan**” to speak at 6.30 pm on Friday, 20th January 2006 at 36 Lowndes Square, about his travels in and around Pakistan since 1995 and on the merits of living and writing “with thin-skinned responsiveness”. **RSVP Tel: 020 7664 9208 E-mail: cwdlondon@hotmail.com**

The Graham Layton Trust has organized a special screening of **The Colour of Paradise**, by Oscar-nominated Iranian director Majid Majidi at 2 p.m on Sunday 22 January at NFT1, Belvedere Road, South Bank, London SE1 8XT. Tickets £20. There will also be a pre-screening lunch at nearby Chez Gerard at 12:15pm. Tickets £25. All proceeds to The Graham Layton Trust Earthquake Sight Appeal. For further details please visit www.glt.org.uk

The Pakistan Society Membership

Please note that the **annual Ordinary/Associate Membership fee for 2006** is now due. Please complete the form below and return it with your cheque to the Treasurer as indicated. Alternatively you can pay by Bankers Order. This notice does not apply to Life Members, or those who renew their membership by Bankers Order or new members who joined after 15th November 2005.

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(Students and Overseas members)

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