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## Newsletter – January 2007

### His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall visit Pakistan



The Prince and The Duchess toured Pakistan for the first time and visited Islamabad, Lahore, and Azad Kashmir. The specific themes of the visit were inter-faith issues; education and youth entrepreneurship; and sustainable development.

#### 30 October 2006

Their Royal Highnesses met the President General Pervez Musharraf, First Lady Begum Sehba Musharraf, and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz. The discussions ranged over various topics including the need for inter-faith dialogue, closer relationship between UK and Pakistan, and the two countries' closer co-operation on issues of global interest. The Prince spoke of Britain's gratitude to Pakistan over its help in the fight against terrorism, particularly following the London bomb attacks. The Prince and the Prime Minister also attended an event to launch Pakistan's Youth Business International scheme. The YBI project - a programme of The Prince's International Business Leader Forum - will aim to help disadvantaged young people in Pakistan make it in business as entrepreneurs. Razia Anwar travelled from Blackburn, Lancashire, to Islamabad to talk about how she was helped similarly by The Prince's Trust through a mentor and a loan of £5,000 which allowed her to set up a beauty company. The Prince met young Pakistani entrepreneurs and enjoyed the best of Pakistani music with Shahzad Roy and Hadiqa Kiyani. Prince Charles also met representatives of the Pakistani 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Baluch Regiment connected to the Prince of Wales's own. **Continued on page 2.**

### Prime Minister Tony Blair's third visit to Pakistan

Prime Minister Tony Blair was given a warm welcome when he visited Pakistan 18-19 November 2006. The President and the Prime Minister underlined the deep ties between the two countries, strengthened by the approximately one million British citizens of Pakistani heritage in the UK. They welcomed an increase in the number of UK-Pakistan University Partnerships from 15 to 50, which will enhance mutual understanding. Tony Blair, signed a new 10 year Development Partnership Arrangement between the UK and Pakistan. The Prime Minister also announced a doubling of UK aid to Pakistan, from £236 million for the period 2005 to 2008, up to £480 million for the period 2008 to 2011. The President and the Prime Minister agreed to hold the Fourth Pakistan-UK Summit Meeting in London in 2007 on a mutually convenient date.

### Message from the Chairman

I have now been the Chairman for one year. We have had some excellent events during that time. Thank you all for attending and making them fun. We would welcome more people attending and so if you have friends who are not members do bring them along and encourage them to join. The Committee is very keen to increase the membership and, in particular to attract more young people. However we feel if we are to do this we must run a decent and informative web site. Thanks to the generosity of Humayun Mughal we now have a new (actually the first!) Computer and we are looking to relaunch the website sometime in the Summer. We do understand if members don't have access to e-mail and we will continue to use snail mail although it is much cheaper (and quicker) to keep you updated by e-mail.

Can I make a plea that as many of you as possible attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Lincoln's Inn. As you all know it is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Pakistan and I am hoping to have a couple of very special guests. Finally and on your behalf can I thank your hard working Committee and in particular Shama our ever present and hard working Secretary and Emran our Treasurer. Without them nothing would happen! I look forward to seeing you and your friends at many events in 2007. Best Wishes. **Anthony Palmer**



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**Next Event:** Tourism in Pakistan: Perception vs Reality at 6pm on Tuesday, 23 January 2007 at the High Commission for Pakistan, London.

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**31 October 2006**

The Prince of Wales delivered his keynote address to the faculty and students of Fatima Jinnah University Rawalpindi. Their Royal Highnesses also visited the Taxila Museum and the ancient remains of the Buddhist University in Jolian.

**1 November 2006**

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall witnessed the devastation caused by the earthquake in Azad Kashmir and saw how survivors were trying to rebuild their lives. Their Royal Highnesses travelled to Pattika, a tiny mountain town just north of Muzaffarabad, which was ravaged by the earthquake. The Prince, Patron of the British Red Cross, and The Duchess saw how aid workers from the ICRC were helping with the reconstruction work. Their Royal Highnesses were shown a health clinic, set up by the ICRC, and a girls' school where the pupils are being taught in tents.

**2 November 2006**

The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited Badshahi mosque, a Sikh temple and an Anglican cathedral during a day trip to Lahore. Later they joined a reception held in the Bishop of Lahore's garden where they met representatives of the community of the Church of Pakistan. The Prince also attended a seminar on interfaith where he was joined by the Governor of Punjab Khalid Maqbool.



**3 November 2006**

Their Royal Highnesses and The Aga Khan visited organic village in the tiny dwelling of Nansoq 7,000 feet above sea level in the Himalayas. The Duchess was given a small ornate green and silver cap by locals. The Prince was presented with a 23-stone yak when he visited the village of Altit on the other side of the river in the Karakoram range. The Prince and The Duchess handed the yak back to the village as a goodwill gesture. Altit is situated around a 900-year-old fort and The Prince and The Duchess saw how the Aga Khan's Cultural Service is helping the village prepare for a tourism boom expected to follow the conservation of ancient fort.



## New Year's Honours 2007

The British honours system is one of the oldest in the world. It has evolved over 650 years as the country has found alternative means of recognising merit, gallantry and service.

The largest number of awards goes to those providing services to their local communities - mainly volunteers.

Honours are normally awarded twice a year. A list is published on The Queen's Birthday in June and at the New Year

### OBE

**Prof Muhammad Anwar**, Prof of Ethnic Relations University of Warwick, for services to higher education.

**John Holland**, Director of Operations, RAPID UK, for services to international rescue.

**Frederick Payne**, Director RAPID UK, for services to international rescue.

**Cllr Mohammed Khan**, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, for services to local government.

**Mohammad Tufail**, Director, Racial Equality Council, for services to community relations in Oldham.

### MBE

**Misbah Sultana Hussain**, for services to Asian communities in South Yorkshire.

**Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Lone JP**, Middlesbrough, for services to health care.

**Mohammad Aslam**, for services to the community in Croydon.

**Raja Mohammed Amin JP**, for services to the community in Birmingham.

**Syed Kifayat Hussain Kazmi**, for services to community in Derby.

### Diplomatic Service and Overseas

#### OBE

**Vincent Richard Harris**, for services to British business interests in Pakistan.

**Dr Molly Elizabeth Pont**, for services to medical health care in Quetta, Pakistan.

#### MBE

**Jonathan Mark Turner**, formerly Third Secretary, British High Commission, Islamabad.

## Islamabad Welcomes New British High Commissioner



**Robert Brinkley CMG**, the new British High Commissioner to Pakistan, arrived in Islamabad on 3 December. He replaced Sir Mark Lyall Grant KCMG, who has returned to London to take up a new appointment.

"I'm delighted to have arrived here in Pakistan as the new British High Commissioner, at what is a very exciting time for Pakistan and for its relations with the United Kingdom. With around 1 million British citizens claiming Pakistani heritage, and US\$2bn worth of trade flowing between our two countries each year, there is much that unites us. The two high-level visits we had just before I arrived - those of the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister, Tony Blair - illustrates how important this relationship is to the United Kingdom." *About the High Commissioner: Robert Brinkley was announced as the new High Commissioner to Pakistan in July 2006. He was previously the British Ambassador in Ukraine, he was head of what is now known as UKvisas. He has also served in Moscow (twice), Bonn and Geneva. He is accompanied by his wife Mary. They have three sons.*

## Obituary

### John Richard Charters Symonds A great friend of Pakistan

By Iftikhar H. Malik



John Richard Charters Symonds, known as Richard to his friends, was 87 when he passed away in his native Oxford on July 15, 2006, a few kilometres from the house where he was born on October 2, 1918. Richard was a tall, gentle and well-humoured gentleman, whose career included civil service, social work, diplomacy, academia and writing and in all these spheres he was certainly superb. A spectacled man, Richard carried a shoulder bag full of his books and note pads and even in his advanced years, his body and mind stayed upright.

Richard was born in the house in Banbury Road which now houses University of Oxford's careers office but died in a hospital in Oxford. His father, Sir Charles Symonds, was an eminent neurologist, and his mother, Janet, was the daughter of Sir Edward Poulton, the professor of zoology at Oxford. She died in a bicycle accident when Richard was only 18 months old. I do not recall Richard ever riding a bicycle though we never discussed that part of his personal life. For his early education Richard was enrolled at Cothill near Oxford before joining the Rugby School. Despite being the product of the English public education system, he never felt comfortable with imperialism though believed that it could be changed from within. His early political awareness and close associations with the Friends (Quakers), fashioned his ideas at a time when events like the Spanish Civil War, Quit India Movement, Gandhian pacifist revolt, Jinnah's constitutionalism and the Bengal famine all were happening within the context of contemporary Europe itself heading towards an unprecedented and equally horrendous polarisation.

The famine, Partition, massacres and contestations over Kashmir brought this young man very close to ordinary South Asians and their leaders. Unlike a detached, self-righteous and rather snobbish Raj official, Richard enjoyed working with people and did not fall in the shallow category of a hated sahib or a devious Farangi. His frame and clothes must have fitted the general image of an Englishman in the subcontinent of the 1940s yet his disposition, by virtue of its humaneness and warmth was altogether different.

Richard studied modern history at Corpus Christi College in Oxford with particular interest in the parallel strands of colonisation, Commonwealth and population studies. Thus, the empire, decolonisation and reconstruction of the post-colonial societies became his academic and professional specialism whether he worked for the government or held

Position under the UN auspices before assuming academic positions at the universities in Sussex and Oxford. While an undergraduate at Corpus Christi, he joined a five-member British student delegation to Spain to witness the rise of General Franco and its cost to society at large. The delegation included Edward Heath, the future prime minister. Richard was active in the Oxford Union Debating Society and was eventually elected its secretary in 1939. Earlier, he had joined the Pacifist Association and during the war drove an ambulance for the Friends Ambulance Unit.

His lifelong associations with the subcontinent owed to an incident when in 1942, Horace Alexander, asked him to accompany him as his assistant to India at a time when both the war and the Congress' revolt against the Raj had aggravated concerns in London and Delhi. Richard soon absorbed himself in the relief efforts during the Bengal Famine which was to cost three million lives. Working with the Bengal Civil Protection Committee, he organised relief efforts and in some areas of Kolkata the only volunteers available to work with him happened to be the local prostitutes. According to Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri, these women "hailed him as their captain."

After the war, Richard worked for the United Nations but having heard of riots and communal killings accompanying the Partition he volunteered to return to the region and undertook visits and welfare work in Kashmir. Richard was soon to fall victim to typhoid whereupon Mahatma Gandhi insisted on looking after him in the Birla House in Delhi, where the latter was staying. Here he remained for a month and encountered a steady stream of politicians along with enjoying detailed exchanges with the Mahatma including the famous remark, Richard once made: "Now is surely the appropriate time for me to expire, for I shall never be so well regarded again."

Richard went back to South Asia as a UN official in Kashmir and in the process gathered material for his book on Pakistan. The Making of Pakistan came out in 1950, and other than its detailed first-hand information on the tribulations of migration and riots, it was the first ever book to appear in English after independence. This book was well received in Pakistan but, according to the Times it "did not please his friends in India." Richard was certainly the pioneer historian of the young country.

Richard's work as a resident representative for the UN took him to many places across the continents until in the 1970s he joined academia and was a professor at Sussex before coming back to St Antony's and Queen Elizabeth House in Oxford. Other than his volumes on population and the



aforementioned book on Pakistan, Richard's groundbreaking study was devoted to Oxford and its linkages with the British Empire. According to Godfrey Hodgson, *Oxford and Empire: the Last Lost Cause* (1986) is regarded by many as "his best book". The volume is based on numerous interesting biographical details gleaned from the archives of the common rooms at Oxford colleges and dwells on powerful personalities such as Benjamin Jowett, Florence Nightingale and Cecil Rhodes besides the generations of students from the former colonies and pioneer women such as Cornelia Sorabji.

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### ***Richard Symonds passed away on July 15, 2006***

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I met Richard soon after my arrival at St Antony's in 1989 and this was the beginning of several more exchanges and sessions over the next 16 years. Interestingly, for a time, we both had our offices in the same building in Church Walk though we often met at weekly seminars on South Asian history and the Commonwealth; the latter series shifting between Nuffield College and Queen Elizabeth House. Richard was a calm and quiet person who rarely asked questions during seminars but he would make a special effort to attend my seminars on subjects such as Islam in India, history of Pakistan, and West Asian politics. It was at one of the high tables at St Antony's when during the dessert session I came to know of Richard's unpublished diary on Partition and Kashmir. Richard, a kindly gentleman, was in two minds on publishing this manuscript but a bit of persuasion eventually led him to relent. In the meantime, Ameena Saiyid of Oxford University Press was approached to explore the possibility of publishing this primary manuscript and her enthusiasm prompted its submission. In the *Margins of Independence* finally appeared in 2004 and Richard was kind and generous enough to include me in his acknowledgements.

Richard was a meticulous person who never forgot to send greetings to his friends on special occasions and thus stayed in touch with them. He must have prepared a list of all his friends to be informed in case of his passing away and that is how Ann, his wife, found my name and the contact to leave a message on my phone.

At one stage in his life, Richard wanted to donate his personal books and papers to some reputable library in Pakistan but the proposal fell through due to the usual bureaucratic inertia. Pakistani friends visiting Oxford, especially those from academia, always felt honoured when introduced to Richard, who was a very modest human being. While he appeared to have some soft spot for Pakistan, he did not entertain any rancour for India, nor did he ever utter any partisan comment about the two neighbours. He had many reminiscences of his time in South Asia but one was hilariously memorable. It was during the 1970s that Richard happened to be in Peshawar where he delivered a talk at the University on

population and economic development. During the discussion, a Pakhtoon female student stood up and observed: "Mr Symonds, are you related to the Late Richard Symonds who, long time back, had authored *The Making of Pakistan*?" Richard uttered a big laughter and asked: "What made you think I was dead?" She replied: "Because we had to read your book at school."

He was a warm and kindly person who cared for people and made an effort to reach them. According to his obituary in another British newspaper, Richard "packed several careers into a long life, but will be best remembered for his writings on the Partition of India, based largely on his personal experiences in those critical years, and his monograph *Oxford and Empire*, written in the less stressful environment of his later life at Oxford." His lifelong commitment to pacifism, people's welfare and history featured permanently in his personality and career. His contemporaries when he was a student at Oxford included Denis Healey, Douglas Jay, Richard Crossman and Frank Pakenham (later Lord Longford). His wife, Ann Spokes, herself has been a former Lord Mayor of Oxford. According to Hodgson, "Symonds was a friendly man with a gentle sense of humour, who was generous with his time and his exceptional experience of the late 20th century world." He was a bridge between the critics and admirers of imperialism as was summed up by Professor Raychaudhuri in his piece: "In our discussions, when I was uncompromising in my criticism of the imperial record, he would react and say, very gently, 'It is too early to assess the British Empire.' This despite his aversion to imperialism." Certainly, Richard will be remembered by his friends and readers with great respect and admiration.



### **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Pakistan Society will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 25 April 2007 at the High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 9JN, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. To receive the Chairman's Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2006.
3. To re-elect officers and Hon. Auditor.
4. To elect Executive Committee Members.
5. Vote of thanks.

Note: Copies of the previous minutes, Chairman's Report and Financial Statements will be available at the meeting.

## Business News

### UK Trade Minister meets Humayun Akhtar Khan, Minister for Commerce



Mr. Ian McCartney, UK Trade Minister along with his delegation called on Commerce Minister Mr. Humayun Akhtar Khan on 28th November, 2006 to discuss multilateral and bilateral issues. The UK Trade delegation consisted of senior representatives from Government and major business entities (Standard Chartered Bank, HSBC, London Stock Exchange and HCA Healthcare). Mr. Hamish Daniel, British Deputy High Commissioner was also present on the occasion.



Humayun Akhtar Khan welcomed the delegation and discussed Pakistan and EU positions on Doha Development Agenda. He expressed his satisfaction over the resumption of the Doha Development Agenda negotiations. The Commerce Minister expressed concern on EU starting negotiations on FTA with India. He stated that this will isolate Pakistan and sought British government's support to persuade EU for looking at Pakistan as attractive trade partner. The Commerce Minister also reminded British Trade Minister on the establishment of Joint Commission under the Third Generation Agreement. He requested for British support on early finalization of EU composition.

Humayun Akhtar Khan requested the visiting Minister to facilitate Pakistanis living in UK, who are very enterprising, to invest in Pakistan particularly in textile sector. The British Minister in response expressed satisfaction over the bilateral relations. The Minister also called on the Prime Minister and Minister for Privatization during his short stay in Pakistan. The Minister informed that EU desires to resolve DDA deadlock and the major partners are restructuring their agriculture policies with a view to resolve the impasse.

The Minister invited Humayun Akhtar Khan to visit other cities of UK like Glasgow, Manchester and North Midlands, where Pakistan origin community is mainly residing, to meet them and attract them to invest and do more business with Pakistan. The Commerce Minister accepted the invitation and assured the Minister that he will visit the suggested cities.

### UK Pakistan Trade

**The UK is Pakistan's second-biggest trading partner and sixth-largest investor.**

There are over 100 British companies operating in Pakistan covering sectors such as manufacturing, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, textiles and cement among others.

**UK exports to Pakistan have doubled over the past four years and are now worth over US\$ 1.8 billion, with exports from Pakistan to the UK around the same value.**

To facilitate bilateral investment, Pakistan and the UK have signed Bilateral Investment Treaty and Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement.

**Foreign investors are permitted to hold 100% of the equity without any permission of the Government. There is no restriction on the repatriation of capital, dividends or profits. There is no requirement for minimum investment and custom duties on the import of plant machinery and equipment ranges between 0-10%. Tax relief is 50%.**

Foreign Direct Investment during 2004-05 was over US\$ 1.5 billion which was a 60% increase as compared with 2003-04.

**Pakistan has been rated by World Bank as the 10th most attractive state for investment in the world.**



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Conferences and seminars on investment facilitation, labour laws, etc. are often organised by the public and private sector in Pakistan. Two years ago Pakistan began putting on the EXPO Pakistan, which is an exhibit of the complete variety of products and services offered by Pakistan for the retail, wholesale and distributor businesses. EXPO is now an annual event, held in March every year and the number of international visitors is increasing every year. With its world-class airports, Pakistan is an easy commute for both the leisure and business traveller. The reality of Pakistan is different from the perception generally harboured. Come and see for your self.

## Sports News



Date	Event, Venue	Prize US\$	Winner
	<b>2007 Asian Tour</b>		
January 18 - 21	<b>Pakistan Open</b> Karachi Golf Club	\$300,000	Chris Rodgers (Eng) - Defending Champion

### Rodgers to defend Pakistan Open golf crown

England's Chris Rodgers, who captured maiden Asian Tour Pakistan Open golf title at the beginning of 2006, is looking forward to defend his crown when the 72-hole US\$300,000 event gets into action at Karachi Golf Club later this month.

"It's a cherished memory that I will have for all my life," said Rodgers, ahead of the 2007 Pakistan Open which runs from Jan 18-21.

"It was my first major win on a main Tour that came at a good time as I was about to quit the game, said Rodgers. Obviously after winning the Qualifying School followed by Pakistan Open, my life has changed a lot. It has opened new avenues for me". The road to victory in Pakistan was complete for Rodgers when he fired a 15-under-par 273 total, finishing four shots ahead of the 2006 UBS Order of Merit champion.



## 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.

**In September two members of The Pakistan Society Mrs Margaret Brown and Col Streater enjoyed an exciting and nostalgic visit to the Northern Areas.**

"The escorted journey from Islamabad to Bunji included Regimental HQ at Abbatabad, the Polo Ground at Chilas, built in 1945 built by Major Willie Brown during his tenure as Assistant Political Agent and finally named after him in 2000.

At Bunji we were entertained right royally and then on to Gilgit, where an emotional meeting took place with three very old gentlemen, former Gilgit Scouts, who had taken part in the events in Gilgit in October 1947.

From Gilgit we travelled due west, a two day journey via Gakuch, Phundur and the Shandur Pass to Mastuj where we stayed at the Fort as guests of Col Khush Waqt ul Mulk, son of the former Mehter.

**Col Streater** served in the Frontier Corps with the Zhob Militia, Chitral Scouts and Tochi Scouts at which time he was also ADC to the Governor. In 1953, when serving in Chitral he was a member of the Norwegian expedition that was the first to conquer Tirich Mir. Following which, climbing became an important part of his life, leading to expeditions to Everest and Kanchenjunga.

**Margaret Brown** served in the British High Commission in Karachi in the mid-fifties, on a posting from the Commonwealth Relations Office in London. She met and married in Karachi, Major Willie Brown who had served in the South Waziristan Scouts, Tochi Scouts and was Commandant of the Gilgit Scouts in 1947 and after partition was the officer responsible for ensuring that the Northern Areas became part of Pakistan, as recorded in his book "The Gilgit Rebellion". He received MBE and on 14 August 1993, and Pakistan awarded Major Willie Brown a posthumous SPk (Star of Pakistan).

Then on to Chitral Town and the Hindu Khush Heights Hotel, the Ritz of the North! During our stay we were entertained at Scout HQ where all ranks were delighted and astonished to meet a British Officer speaking fluent Pushtu and who knew as much about their country and its history as they did. As a result, Col Streater was accorded the great honour of inspecting the Force. While in Chitral we were lucky enough to be present at a polo match. Anyone who has ever seen Gilgit/Chitral polo will know that it is full of thrills. Major Brown who learnt his polo in Gilgit described it as a "rugby on horseback"!

The final stage of our trip took us south, skirting the Kalash area of Bumburet, over the Lowari Pass to Dir, and on to Chakdarra, ma location well known to British Officers in the past. From there to Malakand and Mardan, sites made famous by Winston Churchill's book "The Story of the Malakand Field Force" in 1895. While there we paid our respects at the monument to Field Marshall Lord Auchinleck.

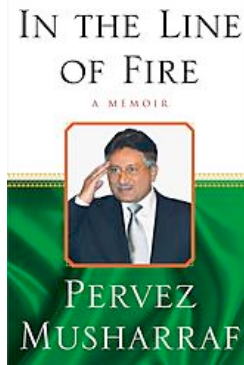
During our stay in Islamabad we were interviewed by the Daily Telegraph station reporter, which led to a short report in the edition of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

We were very impressed by the care and attention paid to all sites with a Raj connection, HQs, Museums and graveyards, but most of all, we were so glad that we had ignored the Foreign Office six pages of advice on why we should not go to Pakistan. It was a joy and a privilege to be there, meeting old friends and making new ones.

Thanks are due to the Military Section of the High Commission for Pakistan for help in facilitating our travels. **" Margaret Brown (Scotland).**



## New Books



According to *Time* magazine, Pakistan's **President Pervez Musharraf** holds "the world's most dangerous job." He has twice come within inches of assassination. His forces have caught more than 670 members of al Qaeda in the mountains and cities. Long locked in a deadly embrace with its nuclear neighbor India, Pakistan has come close to full-scale war on two

occasions since it first exploded a nuclear bomb in 1998. As President Musharraf struggles for the security and political future of his nation, the stakes could not be higher for the world at large.

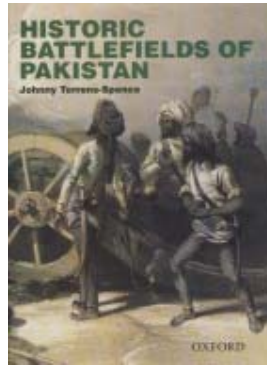
It is unprecedented for a sitting head of state to write a memoir as revelatory, detailed, and gripping as *In the Line of Fire*. Here, for the first time, readers can get a firsthand view of the war on terror in its central theater. President Musharraf details the manhunts for Osama and Zawahiri and their top lieutenants complete with harrowing cat-and-mouse games, informants, interceptions, and bloody firefights. He tells the stories of the near-miss assassination attempts, not only against himself but against Shaukat Aziz (later elected prime minister) and one of his top army officers (later the vice chief of army staff), and of the abduction and beheading of Daniel Pearl -- as well as the forensic and shoe-leather investigations that uncovered the perpetrators. He details the army's mountain operations that have swept several valleys clean, and he talks about the areas of North Waziristan where al Qaeda is still operating.

Yet the war on terror is just one of the many headline-making subjects in *In the Line of Fire*. The full story of the events that brought President Musharraf to power in 1999 is told for the first time. He reveals new details of the 1999 confrontation with India in Kashmir (the Kargil conflict) and offers a proposal for resolving the Kashmir dispute.

He offers a portrait of Mullah Omar, with stories of Pakistan's attempts to negotiate with him. Concerning A. Q. Khan and his proliferation network, he explains what the government knew and when it knew it, and he reveals fascinating details of Khan's operations and the investigations into them.

In addition, President Musharraf takes many stances that will make news. He calls for the Muslim world to recognize Israel once a viable Palestinian state is created. He urges the repeal of Pakistan's 1979 Hudood law. He calls for the emancipation of women and for their full political equality with men. He tells the sad story of Pakistan's experience with democracy and what he has done to make it workable.

368 pages; ISBN-10: 0-7432-8344-9  
ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-8344-1 Free Press, September 2006



Since ancient times, the rugged hills of the north west frontier and the fertile plains of the Punjab have been fought over by invaders, adventures, and local potentates alike; as Churchill wrote, 'Every rock, every hill has its story'. This book by **Johnny Torrens-Spence** brings to light eighteen

different historic battlefields that lie in modern Pakistan, ranging from ancient times to the late nineteenth century. These battles have left an indelible mark on the culture and history of the people of the region, and in many cases, on the landscape itself. They include some of the greatest military commanders of all time, such as Alexander the Great, Genghiz Khan, Mahmud Ghaznavi, Ranjit Singh, Sir Charles Napier and Lord Gough, as well as a host of less well known but no less colourful characters.

Although some of the historic battlefields of Pakistan were of global strategic significance, and all helped to shape the history of the subcontinent, most are now almost forgotten and lie largely unvisited in the midst of some of Pakistan's most beautiful natural scenery. This is the first time that a comprehensive description of these battles has been brought together in a single volume, and for several of the battles, the first time that they have been studied in detail at all.

Drawing on his own military experience, the author has pulled together first-hand information from official reports, private memoirs and local folk traditions to paint a lively description of each battle, with detailed maps, helpful advice on what to look out for and how to get there. The book is aimed at the interested general reader, though it will also be of interest to serious military historians, and should help to stimulate a revival of interest in a hitherto neglected aspect of Pakistan's history.

140 pages; ISBN13: 978-0-19-597897-1 ISBN10: 0-19-597897-8 Oxford University Press, 2006.



**2007 has been declared the 'Year of Tourism' by the Pakistan Government.**

The Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz has assigned the Ministry of Tourism a target to attract one million foreign visitors during 2007.

**For more information visit:  
[www.tourism.gov.pk/destinations](http://www.tourism.gov.pk/destinations)**

## Recent Events

On 19 September 2006, we were given a guided tour of “**Beyond the Page**” **Exhibition of Contemporary Art in Pakistan** at Asia House, London. This exhibition, one of the highlights of the national Festival of Muslim Cultures, introduced contemporary Pakistani artists Hamra Abbas, Aisha Khalid, Hasnat Mehmood, Mohammed Imran Qureshi, Nusra Latif Qureshi, Rashid Rana and Usman Saeed. They were all educated in Pakistan and trained in the miniature tradition of the Subcontinent. The Society is very grateful to Asia House for arranging the guided tour of the collection and for hosting the reception.

**Eid Reception** on 26 October 2006 was well attended by members, their families and friends. HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi graced the occasion. The variety of food was greatly appreciated.

We had a very interesting visit to the **British Library India Office Collection** on 7 November 2006. After the introductory talk on the archives and history of the East India Company and the India Office, we were shown (1) Sir Thomas Metcalfe's diary including album of 120 miniature paintings of monuments, buildings, shrines, places and houses in Delhi by Mazhar Ali Khan, the leading topographic artist of the period. (2) The Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar's *nikahnama* (marriage certificate) and photograph of Zinat Mahal Begum, the last and favourite Queen of Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar. This was acquired by Metcalfe's son, Sir John Metcalfe (1828-83), who was the magistrate in Delhi in 1857. (3) Emperor Napoleon's burial certificate. (4) Photographs of Lucknow after the First War of Independence (1857). (5) A humorous journal put together by passengers on a ship to India in the last part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and (6) Edward VIII's abdication letter.

**Pakistan Earthquake Eyewitness Briefing 3** on 15 November 2006 focused on the reconstruction work undertaken by Oxfam GB and Islamic Relief since the devastating earthquake. It was reassuring to see the work that had been undertaken in various fields to alleviate the suffering of those affected.

**Everest Max “Our time in Pakistan”** on 30 November 2006 was a fascinating talk by Richard Walters of the journey undertaken by the team that cycled from the Dead Sea to Everest where they climbed the summit. The journey from the lowest point on Earth to the highest was one of the last great overland challenges on the Earth's surface. They cycled through eight countries to reach Everest Base Camp in April 2006. The team were joined by 8 additional climbers and spent 7 weeks on the mountain with 3 of the 5 cyclists reaching the summit. The images were excellent and the account of the journey through Pakistan was fascinating. Read more on [www.evrestmax.com](http://www.evrestmax.com)

On 12 December 2006, Director Simon Broughton, a recognized authority on world music, co-editor of the Rough Guide to World Music, and editor of the World Music magazine, Songlines, came to show his film **Sufi Soul – the Mystic Music of Islam**. In this documentary the writer and historian William Dalrymple charts the traditions of Sufi music. Much of the film was made in Pakistan and shown here on Channel 4. The audience enjoyed the film and had many questions to ask him afterwards.

## Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday, 23 January 2007

#### **Tourism in Pakistan: Perception vs Reality**

**Antonia Windsor** (*Freelance journalist, a regular contributor to the Guardian. She is keen to encourage Pakistan's nascent tourist industry*), **Muhammad Zahir** (*Lecturer in Archaeology in Higher Education Department of NWFP, currently researcher at the University of Cambridge*),

**Dr Rachael Jack** (*Molecular Geneticist at Karakorum International University*), **Daniel Russel** (*Freelance filmmaker, he captured the spirit of the diverse and ever changing landscape and culture*), and **Tim Benson** (*London based artist whose paintings portray the majesty of the Karakorums*).

**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](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)

### Tuesday, 13 February 2007

#### **“Pheasants and forests in the Palas Valley”**

**Dr Philip McGowan** (*World Pheasant Association*)

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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## Wednesday, 21 March 2007

### “Castles of the Assassins”

*Peter Willey, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Lecturer in Middle East and Islamic Art*

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

**Venue:** Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

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## Wednesday, 25 April 2007

### Annual General Meeting followed by Reception

*Chairman's Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2006.*

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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

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## Wednesday, 23 May 2007

### Film Show: Jinnah

*Staring Christopher Lee, James Fox, Maria Aitken and Shashi Kapoor. Directed by Jamil Dehlavi.*

**Time:** 6pm

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## Wednesday, 27 June 2007

### 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

*Details will be published in the April newsletter.*

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

**Admission:** £60. **Booking required** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email [info@thepakistansociety.org.uk](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)

## Sunday, 12 August 2007

### Visit to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

*Details of an event which will commemorate a joint operation carried out by Gurkhas. Guides Infantry and Royal Green Jackets around Delhi in 1857 will be published in the April newsletter.*

## Other Events

**The Grand Trunk Road - From Delhi to the Khyber Pass.** Exhibition about the story of ordinary people and how they changed the world by well-known photographer Tim Smith and oral historian Irna Qureshi will be on display until Sunday 15 April 2007 at the **People's History Museum Bridge Street, Manchester**. In conjunction with Bradford Museums, Galleries and Heritage Service, the exhibition will explore the longest, oldest and most famous highway in the Asian subcontinent using photographs and oral history. Tim and Irna travelled to India and Pakistan from Delhi to the Khyber Pass earlier this year where they photographed life along the road and sought out and interviewed people with links to Britain. The result is a fascinating photographic exhibition personalised by memories, opinions and feelings of the individuals they interviewed. Admission is free. For further information contact Jo Magee **Tel: 0161 839 6061 email: [info@phm.org.uk](mailto:info@phm.org.uk)**

**Frontline Pakistan: the struggle with militant Islam.** Speaker **Zahid Hussain** at 6.30pm on Tuesday 27 February 2007 at the **New Theatre, East Building, London School of Economics**. This event will explore the rise and continuation of Islamic extremism in Pakistan and the links between al-Qaeda, major jihad groups in Pakistan and the Inter-Services Intelligence. Zahid Hussain is the Pakistan correspondent for *The Times*, *Newsweek* and *The Wall Street Journal*. His forthcoming book *Frontline Pakistan: the struggle with militant Islam* will provide the basis for this panel discussion. *This event is free and open to all. For more information call 020 7955 7388 or see [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/asiaResearchCentre](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/asiaResearchCentre)*

**CONFERENCE: Beyond Independence: South Asia, 1947-1977. Royal Holloway, University of London, 11-12 April 2007.** The sixtieth anniversary of independence presents an opportune moment to assess the three decades which followed Independence and Partition. From 1947 to 1977 the first generation of citizens were fashioned in the newly created states of South Asia. These crucial years of nation-building, and transition from empire to independence, have sometimes been overlooked by historians of the subcontinent in favour of earlier or later events. The social dimensions of South Asian life in the 1950s, 60s and 70s have been particularly neglected, yet these formative decades deserve historical attention and may pay dividends for researchers as they offer up a time of rapid change and a rich visual culture. This conference to be held at Royal Holloway, University of London, invites historians, political scientists, historical geographers and anthropologists concerned with the social and cultural life of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan from 1947-1977. For further information contact **Dr Sarah Ansari** at Royal Holloway, Department of History, University of London, Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX. **email: [s.ansari@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:s.ansari@rhul.ac.uk)**

**21st Pakistan Workshop: "Competing narratives". 11-13 May 2007 at The Rook Howe, Lake District.** This workshop was founded to bring together anthropologists and sociologists whose research involved Pakistan, Pakistani Diaspora and South Asian Islam. However, this workshop has also attracted scholars and researchers from a broad range of disciplines including historians, political scientists, economists and applied social scientists. In the recent years, the themes have also included Gender studies, Health studies, History, Literature, Religious studies and Management studies. This workshop provides new (including postgraduate students) and established scholars the opportunity to get acquainted with each other in order to motivate and inspire people working in common fields of interest. This workshop is therefore normally kept small and intimate with a group of 25 or less people. The total cost of the Workshop will be £65-70 approximately for those staying at the Rook How (this includes Workshop registration, reception, breakfasts, Pakistani lunches, teas and coffees). There is a registration fee of £30 for the Pakistan Workshop 2007. For further information contact **Marta Bolognani**, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Leeds University, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 9JT. email: [splmb@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:splmb@leeds.ac.uk) or see <http://psg.anthropology.ac.uk/workshop2007>

**Independence of India and Pakistan: Sixtieth Anniversary Reflections.** The conference will be held at the Avenue Campus, **University of Southampton** on **17-20 July 2007**. The event will be divided into panel discussion and keynote plenary lectures. Papers will be of 30 minutes duration followed by questions. The following people have already agreed to participate: Gyanendra Pandey, Urvashi Butalia, Gurharpal Singh, **Akbar S. Ahmed**, Joya Chatterji, **Victoria Schofield**, Sten Widmalm and **Sikandar Hayat**. For further information contact **Professor Ian Talbot**, Department of History, University of Southampton at [iat@soton.ac.uk](mailto:iat@soton.ac.uk)

**CONFERENCE: 'Mutiny at the Margins' New Perspectives on the Indian uprising of 1857.** A conference to mark the 150th anniversary at the Centre for South Asian Studies, **University of Edinburgh**, Scotland, **23-26 July 2007**. The University of Edinburgh's Centre for South Asian Studies and School of History & Classics is holding a conference to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Indian Uprising of 1857. One of the most iconic events of British imperial history, the Uprising continues to be widely misrepresented and misunderstood. This conference aims to bring together scholars with an interest in developing new approaches and exploring new perspectives on this seminal event. The conference will run over three days and will focus on the involvement of marginal and neglected groups in the Uprising, its historiography and its many historical legacies. This call is for offers of research papers specifically addressing regional studies [e.g. the Punjab]; the experiences of British soldiers and civilians; the involvement and experiences of women; the post-mutiny diaspora; the involvement of adivasis/dalit/nomadic groups; and the later impacts on Muslim and Hindu revivalism, British imperial ideology and Indian nationalism. There will be a panel specifically focussing on the difficulties and divergent approaches to teaching 1857 in various countries and cultures - to which contributions are also warmly welcome. For further information contact Conference Committee email: [1857conference@ed.ac.uk](mailto:1857conference@ed.ac.uk)

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