



# The Pakistan Society

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## Newsletter - January 2009

### UK Foreign Secretary The Rt. Hon. David Miliband visit to Pakistan 16-17 Jan 09



The Foreign Secretary met the Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani and Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

Discussions concentrated on Pakistan's relationship with India. They also discussed the wider issue of counter

terrorism, the improving relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan and the global financial situation. This is the third time David Miliband has visited Pakistan in the last year which demonstrates the value placed on the relationship between the UK and Pakistan.

### UK Secretary of State for Defence in first visit to Pakistan 19 Jan 09



UK national security depends more than ever on a joint approach to tackling the forces of extremist violence on both sides of the Afghanistan and Pakistan border, the Defence Secretary The Rt. Hon. John Hutton MP said on his first visit to Islamabad.

"Both the UK and Pakistan face the threat of terrorism seeking to coerce our democratically elected governments into changing their policies by indiscriminate violence. Both our countries have suffered, just as India and other countries have suffered. The suffering will continue until the scourge of terrorism is dealt with at its root. That means embracing a strategy that deals with the threats on both sides of the Afghanistan and Pakistan border.

"You cannot kill, arrest, or legislate your way out of the terrorist and insurgent problems. Only a comprehensive approach that includes governance, social and economic development and respect for cultural differences can do that. The world faces global threats - most significantly, terrorism. These global threats require global solutions. Pakistan has a leading role to play in the struggle against extremism, and the UK will remain a constant and supporting friend and partner in the face of this challenge."

### Pakistan and UK Ratify Transfer of Prisoner Agreement



Pakistan and the United Kingdom have exchanged the instruments of ratification of the agreement on the transfer of prisoners

between the two countries that will allow the prisoners from each others' countries to serve their sentences in the country of origin.

A certificate to this effect was signed on 19 August 2008 by the Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan and Director Consular Services, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Julian Braithwaite, at the Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall.

The transfers require State consent as well as the blessing of the prisoners themselves. UK has PTA with over 100 countries worldwide. The Deputy High Commissioner Mr Manzur-ul-Haq said as of June 2008, there were 393 Pakistani nationals in prisons in England and Wales as against to 22 British nationals in Pakistani jails at the end of March 2008.

#### Please Renew Your Annual Membership

The annual Membership fee for 2009 is now due. Ordinary Members £30, Students and Overseas Members £10. Please note that annual subscriptions runs for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The Membership Renewal Form and the Bankers Order Form are attached.

News was received end December 2008 of the death of Life Member **Major W.H.R Llewellyn MC**. He served in the Welsh Guards; was Military Secretary to the Governor of Sindh 1950-51. In fact he died the day [when 60 years before] he had been awarded his Military Cross fighting in Dunkirk. Lady Llewellyn said their time in Pakistan had been very happy. They had travelled up to Peshawar, Swat and other locations in the Northern Areas. People were always friendly. [Obituary will be included in the Brigade magazine of the Welsh Guards].

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**Next Event: Historic Battlefields of Pakistan at 6pm on Wednesday, 18 February 2009 at the High Commission for Pakistan, London SW1X 9JN.**

## State Bank of Pakistan Introduces Commemorative Coin



The State Bank of Pakistan has introduced a coin bearing the portrait of the former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to mark the first Anniversary of her death in a suicide attack. The State Bank will issue 300,000 Dukhtar-e-Mashriq (Daughter of the East) Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto (Shaheed) Commemorative Coin of Rs 10/- denomination.

### Metal Composition:

Cupro Nickel, Copper 75%, Nickel 25%.

Colour: White

Dimension: 27.5 mm

Weight: 8.25 gms

**Obverse:** The waxing crescent moon and a five pointed star facing north-west in rising position, is in the centre on the obverse side of the coin. Along with periphery on the top of the crescent star is inscribed in wording Islami Jamhoria (Islamic Republic) Pakistan in Urdu script. Below the crescent and at the top of two springs of wheat with arms curved upward, there is the year of issuance 2008. The face value of the coin in numeral '10' in bold letters and Rupee in Urdu Script are written on the right and left sides of crescent star respectively. A circle of small beads is all along the edge of the coin.

**Reverse:** In the centre of the reverse side, the coin bears portrait of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and inscribed in wording "Dukhtar-e-Mashriq Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto (Shaheed)" in Urdu script along with periphery on the top of the portrait. On the left and right sides of the portrait, year of birth and demise are inscribed respectively in numeral wording. A circle of small beads is all along the edge of the coin.

The existing Rs 10/- banknotes will continue to be legal tender and will remain in circulation along with the other Rs 10/- coins.

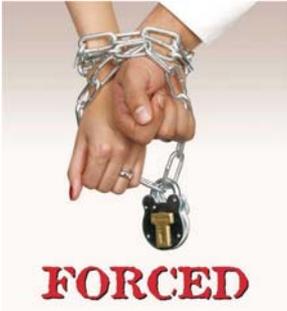
## Commemorative Coins

These coins were issued to commemorate occasions or services of national heroes/ dignitaries who have rendered special services of great significance in the annals of National history.

Commemorative coins are not part of circulation and are kept as a separate balance. The following are the commemorative coins issued on various occasions:

	Commemorative Coins	Issued on Occasions/Celebrations	Date
1.	a) 50 Paisa coin.  b) Gold coins of Rs.500/and silver coins of Rs. 100.	Quaid-E-Azam Birth Anniversary	22nd Dec 1976  22nd Feb 1977
2.	Gold coins of Rs.1000/, Silver coins Rs.100/ and Nickel coins of Rs.1.	Islamic Summit Minar	22nd Feb 1977
3.	Gold coins of Rs.3000 and silver coins of Rs.150 & Rs.100/.	Wild Life Conservation Day	9th May 1977
4.	Gold coins of Rs.500, Silver coins of Rs.100 and Nickel coins of Rs.1.	Birth Anniversary of Allama Iqbal	8th Dec 1977
5.	50 Paisa coins/and coins of Rs.1.	'Hijra coin' on advent of 15 <sup>th</sup> century Hijra	5th Nov 1980
6.	Rs.1 coin	World Food Day	16th Oct 1981
7.	Rs.5 coin	50th Anniversary of United Nations	29th Jan 1996
8.	Rs. 50 coin	Golden Jubilee of Pakistan	22nd Mar 1997
9.	Rs.10 coin	Silver Jubilee of Senate of Pakistan	13th Aug 1998
10.	Rs.10 coin	The Year 2003 as Madre-Millat Mohtarama Fatima Jinnah	31st July 2003

## The Forced Marriage Act



**A new law gives the Criminal Justice System greater powers to stop forced marriages from taking place and to protect vulnerable victims.**

If such a marriage has already taken place, the court can make orders to protect the victim and help remove them from the situation.

Under the Act, the family court can make a Forced Marriage Protection Order. For example, the court can make orders to:

- prevent a forced marriage from occurring;
- ensure passports are handed over;
- stop intimidation and violence;
- reveal the whereabouts of a person;
- stop someone from being taken abroad.

**Police can arrest people suspected to be breaching a Forced Marriage Protection Order. Anyone in breach or contempt of an order could face up to two years' imprisonment.**

FCO Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) is dedicated to preventing British nationals being forced into marriage overseas. If you are worried that you might be forced into a marriage or are worried about someone else who may you should contact them on:

**020 7008 0151 (or 0044 20 7008 0151 if you are overseas)**

FMU caseworkers deal with around 400 cases a year and are fully trained to deal with the emotional, cultural and social issues surrounding forced marriage. Anything you tell FCO FMU will be treated with complete confidentiality.

### **What is a forced marriage?**

In a forced marriage you are coerced into marrying someone against your will. You may be physically threatened or emotionally blackmailed to do so. It is an abuse of human rights and cannot be justified on any religious or cultural basis.

It's not the same as an arranged marriage where you have a choice as to whether to accept the arrangement or not. The tradition of arranged marriages has operated successfully within many communities and countries for a very long time.

***I'm frightened I might be forced into marriage during a family visit overseas, what should I do?***

Call FMU on 020 7008 0151 before you go.

**And you should think about whether you really want to go. Once you're there you may:**

- be isolated
- face emotional pressure
- be watched all the time
- have no money
- not have your passport or ticket
- be a long way from a telephone

**If you still decide to go you should make sure you leave the following with a trusted friend:**

- full address and telephone number of where you are going to stay abroad
- your passport details
- all your flight details (there and back)

Find out where the nearest Embassy is and keep the phone number with you at all times. If you can, take some money with you.

***My sister/ cousin /friend has not returned from a visit overseas and I'm worried she might have been forced into marriage, what should I do?***

Contact 020 7008 0151. It will help FMU if you can give them as many details as you can such as:

- where the person has gone
- when they were due back
- when you last heard from them
- FMU will contact the relevant embassy on your behalf and they will then try to make contact with the person.

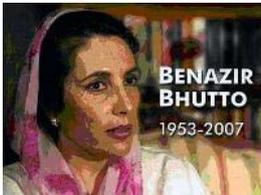
***I was forced into a marriage overseas, can you refuse my spouse a visa to come here?***

FMU may be able to but you must be willing to state publicly that you do not want your spouse to join you in the UK. Call 020 7008 0151 and FMU will advise you on what you can do. If you have been forced into marriage FMU Survivor's Handbook will offer you some advice and help you plan for the future.

**Forced Marriage Unit  
Room G55, Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
Old Admiralty Building, The Mall, London SW1A 2PA  
Telephone: 020 7008 0151 (during office hours)  
020 7008 1500 (for out-of-hours emergencies)  
Email: fmu@fco.gov.uk**



### 2008 United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights



On 10 December 2008, the United Nations Human Rights Prize was awarded to individuals, including posthumously to the **former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto** in

recognition of “outstanding achievements in the field of human rights”.

The prize was established in 1966 by the General Assembly and was first awarded on 10 December 1968, the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Past winners include **Begum Ra’ana Liaquat Ali Khan**, Nelson Mandela, Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King Jr. and Eleanor Roosevelt, who played a key role in creating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Organizations that have won the prize include Amnesty International, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the Mano River Women’s Peace Network in West Africa, while in 1998, the UN recognized the sacrifice and achievements of all human rights defenders across the globe.

In awarding the Prize, the UN is sending a clear message to those who stand for human rights and freedoms that the international community is grateful for and supports their tireless efforts to promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Award is presented by the UN Secretary-General in the General Assembly every five years.

The Prize provides an opportunity for the United Nations to publicly commend the achievements and outstanding contribution of the awardees. Through this public recognition of the valuable work of the awardees, the United Nations also pays tribute to the thousands of anonymous human rights advocates and defenders involved daily in the difficult and often perilous work to promote and protect the rights of others.

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The General Assembly first awarded the Prize on 10 December 1968, the International Year for Human Rights and the twentieth anniversary of the UDHR. It has since been awarded in 1973, 1978, 1988, 1993 and 1998. The Prize is always awarded on this date, as 10 December is the anniversary of the proclamation of the UDHR, and was declared Human Rights Day by a resolution of the General Assembly in 1950.

### Obituary: Prof Ralph Russell

On 14 September 2008, Urdu language was deprived of the dedicated services of Prof Ralph Russell who as teacher and head of the Urdu Department at London University for close to 32 years passed on his passion, love and knowledge of the language to his students and friends and enriched the literature of the language with his scholarly research that earned him a unique and abiding place among great names of Urdu literature.



His death at the age of 90 will be widely mourned by his friends and admirers both in the UK and South Asian Subcontinent. The vacuum created by his passing will not be easy to fill. Russell accomplished some major works as the head of Urdu Department of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He wrote numerous research and critical essays in Urdu and made very popular and accomplished translation from the classical Urdu literature, which are read widely in the Western world. The Urdu translation of his memoirs titled Joinda-o-Yabinda was published only recently. He established such a system of Urdu teaching in Britain, which facilitated the learning of the language across Britain.

He has left behind many illustrious students in Europe and America. Government of Pakistan conferred the Sitara-i-Imtiaz upon him in acknowledgement of his valuable services for the promotion of Urdu.

## News in Pictures



*A group Photo of the visiting British Parliamentary delegation with Speaker National Assembly Dr.Fehmida Mirza & Deputy Speaker Faisal Karim Kundi at Parliament House on 10.01.2009.*



**PRIME MINISTER SYED YOUSUF RAZA GILANI SHAKING HAND WITH , MR GORDON BROWN  
PRIME MINISTER OF UK AT PMS HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON 14-12-2008**



*Rear Admiral Shafqat Jawed, Additional Secretary Ministry of Defence presenting a souvenir to Rear Admiral Alan Richards, UK Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Policy) in Rawalpindi on 02-12-2008*



*Speaker National Assembly Dr.Fehmida Mirza presenting a gift to Ch.Muhammad Sarwar, British Member Parliament at Parliament House on 10.01.2009.*

## ICC World Twenty20 England 2009



The ICC World Twenty20 England 2009 will be held in June 2009 and provides the opportunity to see the very best players in the world, representing their countries, showcasing Twenty20 cricket on a global stage.

The 2009 event sees both the men's and women's tournament integrated for the first time. The men's tournament format consists of 12 teams, played across three venues – Lord's, Trent Bridge and the Oval. A key feature of the 2009 event is that the majority of match-days will include two games showcasing four different teams. This double-header format allows spectators to view two games for the price of one match-day ticket.

### Men's Match Schedule

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
India – A1	Pakistan – B1	Australia – C1	New Zealand – D1
Bangladesh – A2	England – B2	Sri Lanka – C2	South-Africa – D2
Ireland	Netherlands	West Indies	Scotland

June	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
5		 <b>ENG vs NED</b> Lord's 1730 - 2030 hrs		
6	<b>IND vs BAN</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs		<b>AUS vs WI</b> Oval 1330 - 1630 hrs	<b>NZ vs SCO</b> Oval 1000 - 1300 hrs
7		 <b>ENG vs PA</b>  Oval 1730 - 2030 hrs		<b>RSA vs SCO</b> Oval 1330 - 1630 hrs
8	<b>IRE vs BAN</b> Trent Bridge 1330 - 1630 hrs		<b>AUS vs SL</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs	
9		 <b>PAK vs NED</b> Lord's 1330 - 1630 hrs		<b>NZ vs RSA</b> Lord's 1730 - 2030 hrs
10	<b>IND vs IRE</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs		<b>SL vs WI</b> Trent Bridge 1330 - 1630 hrs	

### Super Eight - Groups

June	Group E (A1, B2, C1, D2)	Group F (B1, A2, C2, D1)
11	<b>B2 vs D2</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs	<b>D1 vs A2</b> Trent Bridge 1330 - 1630 hrs
12	<b>A1 vs C1</b> Lord's 1730 - 2030 hrs	<b>B1 vs C2</b> Lord's 1330 - 1630 hrs
13	<b>C1 vs D2</b> Oval 1330 - 1630 hrs	<b>D1 vs B1</b> Oval 1730 - 2030 hrs
14	<b>A1 vs B2</b> Lord's 1730 - 2030 hrs	<b>A2 vs C2</b> Lord's 1330 - 1630 hrs
15	<b>B2 vs C1</b> Oval 1330 - 1630 hrs	<b>B1 vs A2</b> Oval 1730 - 2030 hrs
16	<b>D2 vs A1</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs	<b>D1 vs C2</b> Trent Bridge 1330 - 1630 hrs
18	<b>Men's Semi Final 1</b> Trent Bridge 1730 - 2030 hrs	

## ICC World Twenty20 England 2009

<b>19</b>	<b>Men's Semi Final 2</b> Oval 1730 - 2030 hrs
<b>21</b>	<b>Men's Final</b> Lord's 1500 - 1800 hrs

The women's tournament consists of eight teams with the group stage games hosted at Taunton. The semi-final days hosted at Trent Bridge and the Oval and the finals day hosted at Lord's will bring the two tournaments together with the men's matches following the women's match on each match-day.

### Women's Match Schedule

June	Group A	Group B
<b>11</b>	<b>WI vs RSA</b> Taunton 1200 - 1500 hrs	<b>IND vs ENG</b> Taunton  1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>12</b>	<b>AUS vs NZ</b> Taunton, England 1200 - 1500 hrs	 <b>PAK vs SL</b> Taunton 1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>13</b>	<b>WI vs NZ</b> Taunton 1200 - 1500 hrs	<b>IND vs PAK</b> Taunton  1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>14</b>	<b>AUS vs WI</b> Taunton 1200 - 1500 hrs	 <b>ENG vs SL</b> Taunton 1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>15</b>	<b>NZ vs RSA</b> Taunton 1200 - 1500 hrs	<b>IND vs SL</b> Taunton 1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>16</b>	<b>AUS vs RSA</b> Taunton 1200 - 1500 hrs	 <b>ENG vs PAK</b> Taunton  1600 - 1900 hrs
<b>18</b>	<b>Women's Semi Final 1</b> A1 v B2 Trent Bridge 1330 - 1630 hrs	
<b>19</b>	<b>Women's Semi Final 2</b> A2 v B1 Oval 1330 - 1630 hrs	
<b>21</b>	<b>Women's Final</b> Lord's 1000 - 1300 hrs	



### PAKISTAN

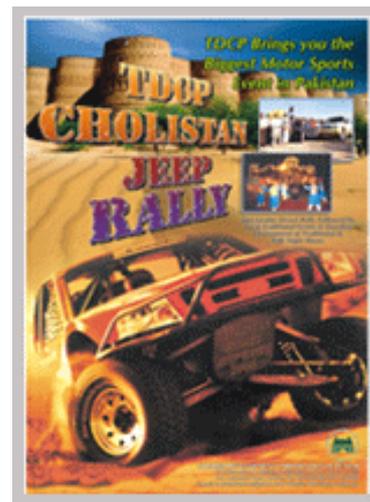
Urooj Mumtaz's side qualified for this event as a result of reaching the final of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier. Not only did its win over the Netherlands in Stellenbosch in February 2008 guarantee a place in the ICC Women's World Cup. It also ensured that Mumtaz and her side had sealed its place at the inaugural ICC Women's Twenty20 2009 event.

Pakistan had a disappointing event at the Asia Cup 2008, registering only one win in the tournament over Bangladesh, having earlier suffered a humiliating defeat against the same opposition. It will look to its spin attack of Mumtaz, Sadia Yousuf and Sana Mir to provide excellent back up to the pace of Asmavia Iqbal. With the bat, Bismah Maroof has the ability to score runs at this level, but much improvement will be needed by the batting line-up which has failed too often on the big occasion in recent times.

A strong fielding side, the event will provide invaluable experience for this young team.

## Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab Calendar of Events 2009

Month	Event	Venue
January	Drag Race	Lahore
February/March	Cholistan Jeep Rally	Bahawalpur
March	Pakistan Tourism Fair	Lahore
March/April	Mela Mandi	Sargodha
April	Desi Horse Race	Rahim Yar Khan
April	Para Gliding	Soan Sakesar Valley
May	Water Scooter Race	Hafizabad
June	Jashan-e-Kohsar	Murree
July	Mango Festival	Multan
August	Azadi Mela	Murree
September	World Tourism Day	All over Punjab
October	Lahore Rally Cross	Lahore
January	Punjab Tourism Dangal	Gujranwala/Lahore
December	Champion of the Hill - Cycle Race	Jhelum-Murree
December	Common Man Cycle Race	Gujrat-Faridabad



## Miss Pakistan runner up set to take off at Miss Earth 2009



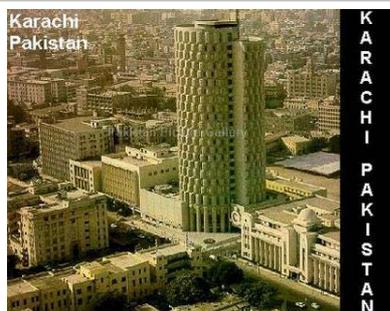
Pakistani model **Nosheen Idrees** is all set for Miss Earth pageant taking place in the Philippines! The twenty-two-year-old from Jhelum, Pakistan was crowned the third runner up for the Miss Pakistan World pageant in May 2008.

A student of communications at the University of Sheffield, Nosheen hopes to bring back a title that can put Pakistan as a country that has the most beautiful women in the world. The young beauty says she wants to change the perception of how the world looks at Pakistan and hopefully spread the message of peace for her country and be an ambassador for the youth.

President of Miss Pakistan World, Sonia Ahmed said she was pleased Pakistan had reached 20 international pageants in five years. "The main mission is to continue with the effort to get Pakistan recognised as the country with some of the most beautiful women in the world." Miss Earth 2009, the 9th edition of the Miss Earth beauty pageant, will be held on November 2009 in the Philippines. About 90 contestants are expected to attend the event. On the conclusion of the final, outgoing title holder Karla Henry of the Philippines will crown her successor.

## Karachi Cheapest Place to Live

According to AOL Travel (Mercer Human Resources), Karachi is one of the cheapest places to live.



### Cost per month: £400.

A furnished two-bed flat in a good area costs about 12,500 Rupees (£100), you can buy a suit for £16 and shoes to match for £6 - and if you're feeling flush, can have a shampoo and haircut for £1.20. Hit the town for a 7p bus fare.



### Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Pakistan Society will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 15 April 2009 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 2008.
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.

## Recent Events

**Wednesday 27 August 2008**

### **Welcome Reception**

The Chairman and Trustees of the Pakistan Society welcomed the new High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs Wajid Shamsul Hasan. The evening was well attended by members and friends who came to greet them. The High Commissioner appraised those assembled about the political situation in Pakistan. He also mentioned the role of the Pakistan Society in promoting good relations between Britain and Pakistan.

**Tuesday 7 October 2008**

### **Pakistan's Fascinating Wildlife**

Dr TJ Roberts' enthusiasm for the flora and fauna of Pakistan grew over his many years he lived and worked there. His illustrated lecture on the wildlife of Pakistan was indeed fascinating. He showed us close to 250 slides in quick succession which were a feast for the eyes. We saw kingfishers and crocodiles, Marco Polo sheep and the elusive snow leopard to name just a few.

**Tuesday 4 November 2008**

### **The War on Terror Revisited**

General Sir Michael Rose was listened to eagerly by a large audience of members and friends. Amongst other recollections he also gave a resume of what he had seen on his recent visit to British troops in Afghanistan. He felt that the combined strategy of establishing good security, good governance and enabling civil reconstruction is finally beginning to show but many problems still lay ahead.

**Wednesday 10 December 2008**

### **Eid and Christmas Reception**

The festive season was celebrated with another social gathering held at the High Commission for Pakistan where members came and brought their friends. Gen. Palmer welcomed everyone and gave some inkling about what to expect in the program for the Society in the coming year

## Forthcoming Events

**Wednesday, 21 January 2009**

### **Visit to Tate Britain**

*Mrs Georgia Crawford* will talk about Art in the Eighteenth Century, the Age of Enlightenment, covering famous artists of the time such as Hogarth and Reynolds. Georgia has a B.A. (Hons) in the History of Art, Architecture and Design and is a qualified guide at both Tate Britain

**Time:** 2.00pm **Venue:** Tate Modern Millbank, London SW1P 4RG

**Admission:** Free. **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email [info@thepakistansociety.org.uk](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)

**Wednesday, 18 February 2009**

### **Historic Battlefields of Pakistan**

*Brig. Johnny Torrens-Spence* will talk about some of the battles he has written about in his book, particularly those that have left an indelible mark on the culture and history of the people of Pakistan. He has drawn upon many sources both official and otherwise, to give interesting details of a hitherto neglected part of Pakistan's history.

**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)

**Thursday, 26 March 2009**

### **Pakistan at the Crossroads**

*Mirza Qamar Beg* will present his assessment of the situation within Pakistan He is Pakistan's Permanent Representative to UN agencies in Rome. He is also President of the Executive Board of the World Food Program. He has been Pakistan's Ambassador to Italy. As a well-respected civil servant in Pakistan he has held positions in the provinces and the centre. He has been Chief Secretary, Balochistan; Commerce Secretary, Government of Pakistan; Chairman/ CEO Pakistan Steel and Additional Chief Secretary Sind.

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## Thursday, 14 May 2009

### Islam and Democracy

**Hon. Amedee Turner QC**, formerly chief whip of the Conservative MEPs and Chairman of the Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament. In 2005-06 he wrote a report on Anglican, Episcopalian and Muslim discussions on the attitudes of lay Muslims to democracy and human rights in the USA and Britain entitled "Muslim Grassroots in the West discuss Democracy".

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## Wednesday, 24 June 2009

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

**Venue:** TBD

**Admission:** **£60 each** for Members and their Spouse, and **£75 each** for Non-Members.

**Booking required. Details will be published in the April Newsletter.**

## Other Events



### Asia House Current Affairs Lecture

#### The Commonwealth at 60 - Managing Change and Diversity

**Kamalesh Sharma Commonwealth Secretary General**

**6:45 - 7:45 pm Monday, 26 January 2009.**

The modern Commonwealth is sixty years old in 2009. It now numbers fifty three members on five continents. 'Commonwealth Asia' accounts for less than a fifth of the organisation's members, but nearly four-fifths of its population. Change has been its constant and diversity its driver, along with democracy and development. In this lecture, Commonwealth Secretary-General Sharma looks at the history of the Commonwealth and the challenges it faces going forwards. Booking is essential for all events – Tickets: Asia House members & concs £5, Non-members £8. For further information call 020 7303 5454 or [enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk)



### Warwick Law School Programme of Public Lectures 2008-09

A Critical Overview of the Lawyer's Movement for the Restoration of the Judiciary in Pakistan

**Ms. Asma Jehangir**, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

**5 – 6 pm, Tuesday, 17 February 2009** Warwick Arts Centre Conference Room (ACCR)

Please contact Margaret Parker for more details: [m.k.parker@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:m.k.parker@warwick.ac.uk)

## The Pakistan Workshop 2009

**Dreams, Visions and Nightmares: Between the Imagined and the Real**

**8-10 May 2009. Rook Howe, The Lake District, Cumbria**

Reality is a tangible concept. It is pervasive and powerful, and shapes the actions and thoughts of individuals and groups. However, if we assert that there is such a thing as imagined reality we begin to challenge the objective existence of obvious and observed phenomena, pay attention to the effects that social and cultural systems have on how reality is framed and articulated, and to how imaginaries are aspired to and projected.

For 2009, the Pakistan Workshop warmly invites scholars of Pakistan, the Pakistani diaspora and Muslims of South Asia to submit abstracts for papers broadly interrogating the space between the 'imagined' and the 'real'. It is hoped that papers will address dreams, visions and nightmares among Pakistanis, particularly contestations of belonging and political aspirations. The enmeshing of ideas and material structures, subject positions and collective identities should be important focuses. The Pakistan Workshop was founded to bring together anthropologists and sociologists whose research involved Pakistan, the Pakistani diaspora and South Asian Islam.

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