



The Pakistan Society

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Newsletter - January 2011

Home Secretary and Minister for Women & Equality Theresa May First Visit to Pakistan



On 25 October 2010, Theresa May arrived in Lahore for her first visit to Pakistan as Home Secretary.

She met with the Governor of Punjab, and the Chief Minister of Punjab and was given a cultural tour of Lahore Fort and Badshahi Mosque. The Home Secretary said "the UK and Pakistan are historic friends and the closest of partners. Whilst we must confront the challenges that affect both our countries and wider regions, we can draw strength that our shared history and living family connections mean that we will face them together."

In Islamabad, the Home Secretary met Mrs Yasmeen Rehman – the Prime Minister's Adviser on Women's Development. Theresa May said she was encouraged by the work she saw to promote the valuable contribution women make to Pakistani society. She supports legislation to criminalise domestic violence, she said "this would send a strong political message that such abuse is unacceptable," She added that the UK government works tirelessly to uphold the rights of all women in the UK and will not ban wearing of the naqib or the burqha. "A ban on what citizens can wear in the street would be an attack on the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of worship as we define them in the UK".

UK and Pakistani Parliamentarians sign 'Declaration of Friendship'

The UK supports the people of Pakistan in a wide range of projects and activities. This declaration will deepen this relationship. The declaration signed in the National Assembly on 27 January 2011, aims to explore several key ways the role of parliament can be strengthened through capacity building and sharing best practice.



A Group Photo Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK Branch delegation with Speaker National Assembly Dr. Fehmida Mirza at Parliament House on 27.01.2011.

Mr Roger Gale MP, leader of the UK delegation said: "As Commonwealth Parliamentarians we are all fully committed to the cause of parliamentary democracy and the belief that only through the ballot box and courteous debate, will the challenges that face us all be resolved. Our visit to the National and Provincial Assemblies in Pakistan has enabled us to learn more about the challenges our Pakistani parliamentary colleagues face in their daily work as elected representatives. The UK has learnt much about devolution in recent years and with the 18th Amendment, we anticipate being able to share our experiences. This Declaration of Friendship that we have signed today will help us strengthen the partnership between our Parliaments to enable us to work closer together to deliver mutually beneficial outcomes"

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal Raised £69 Million



Fundraising for the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal has now closed

The 13 DEC Member organisations will use the £69 million to help the people affected by the flooding. The appeal is the DEC's third most successful since the charity was set up 45 years ago. Brendan Gormley, DEC Chief Executive, said the public response to the floods has been "extraordinary".

The Pakistan Society Award 2010



Gen Palmer, Chairman of The Pakistan Society presented the award to Maj Langlands on 25 September 2010 at a special

ceremony held during The Pakistan Society Charity Twenty20 Cricket Match at Burtons Court London. The charity event raised over £17,000 for Major Langlands School in Chitral.

Please Renew Your Annual Membership

The Pakistan Society Annual Membership fee for 2011 is now due. Ordinary Members £30, Students and Overseas Members £10.

Please note that annual subscriptions runs for one year from 1st January to 31st December.

Membership renewal and Bankers Order Forms are on page 14.

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Next Event: Pakistans first Experiment with Democracy 1947-58 6pm on 9 February 2011 at High Commission for Pakistan, London

Pakistan receives JCB Loaders for flood relief operations



JCB Chairman Sir Anthony Bamford donated assistance worth \$250,000, including two high specification 4CX backhoe loaders with attachments to help in the reconstruction of Pakistan in the wake of the devastating floods in Pakistan.

Sir Anthony said: "Britain has been leading the way with the level of its donations to Pakistan and as a British manufacturer I am keen for us to help in any way possible and hope that JCB's donation of machines can assist in some small way." It is not the first time that JCB has helped Pakistan in times of natural disaster. After the 2005 earthquake the company donated excavators to help in the clean up operation. JCB has been doing business with the Government departments in Pakistan for many years and its gesture is a reflection of the affiliation the company's management has developed with the people of Pakistan.

Booker Hill Primary & Nursery School raised £750 for Pakistan Floods Appeal



November 2010, the High Commissioner for Pakistan personally went to Booker Hill Primary & Nursery School, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire to receive the cheque and to thank the children and teachers. During the Q&A session, the High Commissioner informed the children that people of Pakistan are resilient and so are the children and with the support of world they will

be able to sail through the difficult times.

Cambridge based artist Caroline Jaïne, former Head of Pakistan Outreach and Communications Team at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office auctioned her painting "Pashto Rug" on ebay to raise funds for the Pakistan flood Appeal. The bidding ended 23 December 2010. Winning bid was £225. The money raised in this auction will go directly to the Sarhad Rural Support Programme who help people affected in the North West Frontier Province. For more information visit their website <http://www.srsp.org.pk/srsp-home.html>



National Express West Midlands Bus Company donated fares to Pakistan Floods Appeal

Over a period 9-15 August 2010, 20p from every fare on Birmingham's inner circle number 8 bus service was donated to the Pakistan Floods Appeal to help people suffering from the natural disaster. The 8 service runs through some of Birmingham's largest Asian communities including Nechells, Sparkbrook, Bordsley and Ladywood.



Freemasons donated £50,000 to the Pakistan Floods Appeal

The President of the Grand Charity approved a further emergency grant of £25,000 to the Red Cross, bringing the total donated to £50,000. The Freemasons' Grand Charity had been one of the first organisations to issue an immediate £25,000 to the British Red Cross Pakistan Flood Appeal - one of the largest initial pledges the Red Cross received within the first 24 hours of opening the Appeal.

Hallbrook Primary School (Leicestershire) Harvest Activity Day was concluded with a 'Pyjama Party' where the children made a donation to the UNICEF's Pakistan Children's Flood Appeal. The children reflected on the affects that the flooding has had on children and families in Pakistan by watching news reports from CBBC Newsround and listened to stories from the country.



British Pakistani Pop Super Star Released Debut UK Single for Pakistan Flood Victims

On 14 October 2010, The London based Pakistani pop Singer Annie Khalid who is also good will ambassador of the Red Cross launched her English Album 'Be My Baby' in collaboration with DJ Judge Jules. Annie announced that all the proceeds of the album will be donated for rehabilitation of flood affected people in Pakistan.

Pakistan Army wins Gold Medal in Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2010



A patrol from the Pakistan Army at the start of Cambrian Patrol



Exercise Cambrian Patrol is the premier patrolling event of the British Army held annually in Wales.

Exercise Cambrian Patrol -2010 was held from 11-13 October. A total of 86 teams participated including 70 British and 16 teams from other countries of the world including USA, Canada, Germany, France and India etc. Rawalpindi Corps Team represented the Pakistan Army which showed an excellent performance by winning a Gold Medal in the exercise which is a great honour not just for the army but for the country as a whole.

The exercise is held in Wales and is organised by HQ 160 (W) Brigade on behalf of HQ 5 Div. Cambrian Patrol is arduous and concentrates on leadership, teamwork, physical fitness and achieving the mission. The aim is to provide a challenging patrols exercise in order to develop operational capability. First set up more than 40 years ago, the exercise consists of teams of 8 men carrying up to 60 lbs each across some of the most unforgiving terrain. There have been account of teams trudging through bog land up to their waist for 48 hours only to cover 60km. It's a test of leadership, self discipline, courage and determination.

Pakistan Capital Markets Day at London Stock Exchange December 2010



**London
Stock Exchange**

The London Stock Exchange hosted its first Pakistan Privatisation and Capital Markets

Forum, highlighting the investment opportunities available in Pakistani public and private sector companies to London-based investors.

At the event, Ibukun Adebayo, Head of Business Development – South Asia, London Stock Exchange, said: “As the world’s most international equity market, with an established track record of providing private companies with access to capital as they transition to become public companies, the Exchange is uniquely placed to facilitate investor meetings with some of Pakistan’s leading companies. The excellent attendance at today’s Forum from the investor community shows that London-based investors can see the potential for high growth and returns in Pakistan.”

A total of 11 Pakistani companies participated in the Forum, including some of Pakistan’s leading State Owned Enterprises:

- Pakistan Petroleum Limited,
- Oil & Gas Development Company Limited,
- The Hub Power Company
- ENGRO Corporation,

- MCB Bank,
- United Bank Limited,
- Lucky Cement,
- Karachi Electricity Supply Company,
- Islamabad Electric Supply Company,
- Pakistan Railways,
- Pakistan Steel.

Held in association with Pakistan’s Privatisation Ministry, Nomura and BMA Capital, the event attracted over 120 participants from London’s international investment community. The conference featured keynote addresses from Senator Waqar Ahmed Khan, Federal Minister for Privatisation, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Rt. Hon. Alderman Michael Bear, the Lord Mayor of the City of London. HE Wajid Shamsul Hasan, High Commissioner for Pakistan to the United Kingdom; Senator Wasim Sajjad, Leader of the Opposition in the Pakistan Senate; Senator Adnan Shah, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Privatisation and members of the Committee Senator Ilyas Bilour & Senator Imtiaz Shaikh also participated in the forum.

There are currently four Pakistani companies listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange - the state owned Oil & Gas Development Company Limited, United Bank, MCB and Lucky Cement.

Obituary



**Samuel Martin Burke,
Civil Servant,
Diplomat, Historian
and Writer, born 3
July 1906; died 9
October 2010.**

Samuel Martin Burke was born in Martinpur, a small Christian village near Faisalabad (Lyallpur) in what is now Pakistan. His father was the headmaster of a school and wrote poems under the pseudonym Burq ("lightning" in Urdu), which was adopted as the family's surname. Exceptionally bright, Samuel took a first class degree in History and a Masters at the Government College of Lahore before passing the Indian Civil Service (ICS) exams in 1931.

He rose to be a High Court judge and, in the closing phase of British rule in India, served as chairman of the three-man election petitions committee for the Punjab, set up to consider appeals against the results of the general election of December 1945, which had pitted the Congress Party, supporting a united India, against the Muslim League, campaigning for an independent Pakistan. But Burke did not hesitate to give judgments in favour of the League where he felt they were warranted.

While the commission was still sitting, Indian political parties agreed to the formation of Pakistan, and a circular was sent to members of the ICS asking whether they wished to serve India or Pakistan or to retire. Burke felt that the only way he could assure leaders of all the political parties of his continued impartiality was to make it plain that he was not interested in government service. He became the only Asian Civil Servant who decided to retire on August 15 1947.

By this time, however, his reputation was such that he was invited by both Congress and the League to come out of retirement. Since he had been born in what became Pakistan, he decided to serve in Pakistan. The West Pakistan government offered him a Ministry to represent the Christian minority, but he chose to join the newly-created Foreign Service where along with Sir Zafar Ullah, he laid the foundations of Pakistan's foreign policy. Burke was given charge of the two most important portfolios: India (with which innumerable partition disputes were in progress), and

the United Nations (where the Kashmir dispute was being debated in 1948). His first appointment abroad was in 1949 as Counsellor to the High Commission in London. At a time when Pakistan was still wrestling with matters arising from Independence this was the country's largest foreign mission. In 1952, he was transferred to Washington as Counsellor, but was soon promoted to the rank of Minister.

Because of recurrent crises with India, Pakistan had decided to request military assistance from the United States, and to earn American goodwill Burke and his English-born wife Louise undertook nationwide speaking tours, his own Christian faith helping to undermine negative stereotypes about his country. His efforts soon began to bear fruit. In the food crisis of 1953, America promptly shipped a large quantity of wheat to Pakistan as a gift.

After Washington, he served as Chargé d'Affaires in Rio de Janeiro, and as Deputy High Commissioner in London. He then became the first Christian head of a Pakistani diplomatic mission, as Minister to Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark from 1953 to 1956. When the Commonwealth heads of mission in Stockholm gave a reception during a state visit of HM The Queen, they chose Burke to escort her during her walkabout.

After a spell in south-east Asia as first resident Ambassador to Thailand, Burke was appointed to his final diplomatic posting, as High Commissioner in Canada from 1959 to 1961, when he signed an agreement for the peaceful uses of atomic energy which enabled Pakistan to purchase uranium from Canada.

Burke retired from Pakistan's Foreign Service to take up a new chair in South Asian Studies created for him at the University of Minnesota and founded the Burke Library in St Paul, Minnesota. In 1983 the UN Institute for Training and Research invited him to serve on its international panel.

Burke continued to write after he and his wife moved to England. He was appointed to the Sitara-e-Pakistan, Pakistan's highest honour, by President Ayub Khan.

He was predeceased by his wife, whom he married in 1933, and by a daughter. Three other daughters survive him

His books include: *Pakistan's Foreign Policy: An Historical Analysis* (1973); *Mainsprings of Indian and Pakistani Foreign Policy* (1974); *Akbar, the Greatest Mogul* (1989); *Bahadur Shah, the Last Mogul Emperor of India* (1995); *The British Raj in India: An Historical Review* (1995); and *Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah: His Personality and his Politics* (1997). Burke also helped compile a *Historical Atlas of South Asia*.



The Scottish Government's Pakistan Plan recognises the need for targeted activity to maximise the economic opportunities and focuses on three key areas - culture, business, trade and investment, and tourism.



International Framework

The Scottish Government's International Framework recognises Pakistan as a significant international player within the Commonwealth as well as the country of origin for many who now reside in Scotland. South Asia more widely is a growing market for Scotland and the Scottish Government is committed to developing a strategic approach for engagement with the region and Pakistan in particular.

Pakistan is the world's 15th largest economy, the world's third largest English speaking nation and has a population of 172 million. Building on the historic and modern links between Scotland and Pakistan to develop a closer relationship between the countries will create the potential for opportunities for the benefit of both.

The Scottish Government's International Framework sets out a fresh approach towards the development of closer relations on international work with Scottish Development International (SDI), Visit Scotland, Event Scotland and Creative Scotland leading to a Team Scotland approach. At the same time, the Framework stressed the importance of maximising all resources at disposal including those provided by the UK and engaging directly with UK Trade Investment (UKTI), the British Council and the High Commissions both in London and Islamabad.

South Asia Development Programme

The South Asia Development Programme of the Scottish Government's international development policy includes development assistance for Pakistan to support local communities to work their way out of extreme poverty. The international development policy also states how the Scottish Government can assist in responding to international humanitarian crises by supporting Scottish based organisations working on the relief efforts when a Disasters Emergency Committee appeal is launched, as shown in the Scottish Government's response to the floods in Pakistan in August 2010.

Existing links

There is a vibrant and diverse Pakistani community based in Scotland and many Scots have strong family, business and other links with Pakistan. The business links between Scotland and Pakistan are currently strongest in the chemical and mineral products, rubber and plastics sectors, with exports in 2008 estimated to account for around £20m of trade. Other areas such as wholesale and retail hotels and other services are estimated to have accounted for a further £10m. Existing links in the chemicals sector reflect an area where Scotland has a strong competitive advantage.

There is also a direct air link between Glasgow and Lahore which is used by both business and leisure travellers. There are currently around 5,000 visitors to Scotland from Pakistan each year with expenditure of around £2 million - £4 million. Visit Scotland and Visit Britain work closely with several tourism trade partners in Pakistan who organise trips to Scotland. Visit Scotland arranges familiarisation trips to Scotland for trade representatives to help persuade them to promote tourism in Scotland. There are links between schools in Glasgow and Pakistan through the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme. In 2008/09, around 640 students from Pakistan were studying at Scottish universities and colleges. Direct university to university and college to college links exist including through the Commonwealth Scholars & Fellows programme.

The future

The objective of the Pakistan Plan is to focus on the areas of culture, business, trade and investment and tourism identifying existing activity and links, building on those and exploring new opportunities. To do that, the Scottish Government recognises the important role that many stakeholders can play, especially the Pakistan community and Scots with links to Pakistan. The 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, a significant event on Scottish soil will provide many opportunities for local businesses to provide goods and services which Scottish based Pakistani businesses can exploit. There may also be the opportunity for Pakistan-based businesses to tender for Commonwealth Games contracts.

Implementation and Evaluation

The International Division within the Scottish Government will have overall responsibility for monitoring the delivery of the Plan.

The Scottish Government's South Asia Development Programme

The South Asia Development Programme
Includes:



UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - Disaster Rehabilitation for Women (Pakistan)
Total award for 2010 - 2013: £46,550

The University of Glasgow will empower women in the Siran Valley in northern Pakistan to cope with natural disasters. Through the marketing of handicraft products, educational training workshops and developing coping strategies to deal with disasters, the result will be a sustainable community with increased resilience and knowledge to cope with natural disasters and improved long-term socio-economic capacity of women and children.



Save the Children
SAVE THE CHILDREN - Empowerment and Protection (Pakistan)
Total award for 2010 - 2013: £400,000
Building on a previous project to address child labour, Save the Children will provide livelihood support to the families of working children, as well as educational opportunities for the children. Through the establishment of women's community groups, the project will manage a fund to support 200 micro-enterprises run by young women. The project will also provide access to education for 700 older working children in the Peshawar district and will raise awareness and provide training on child rights and protection.



OXFAM SCOTLAND - Empowerment of Poor Farmers in Sindh and South Punjab Provinces of Pakistan (Pakistan)
Total award for 2010 - 2013: £348,000
Oxfam Scotland will address the problems faced by small-scale farmers (particularly women) in Pakistan by supporting applicants to the land distribution programme and establishing and strengthening agricultural producer organisations. Oxfam Scotland will work with their partners in country to increase understanding and use of sustainable agricultural practices as well as providing support for enterprise and business start ups.

CHRISTIAN ENGINEERS IN DEVELOPMENT - Community Water Project, Thar (Pakistan)
Total award for 2010 to 2013: £145,305

The project aims to improve sustainable water and livestock management for 5,000 people in vulnerable communities in the Thar desert, Pakistan. The project will improve communities' capacity to manage their resources through the construction of wells and water tanks and the establishment of kitchen gardens. The project will also provide advocacy training and awareness raising to the target communities on their socio-economic rights.



ISLAMIC RELIEF WORLDWIDE - Small Scale Business Development (Pakistan)
Total award for 2010 to 2013: £398,964

Islamic Relief Worldwide will provide micro-finance services to communities and targeted support for potential entrepreneurs. With their partners in country, they will deliver training on business development and enterprise management and will support existing businesses in gaining better access to local, national and international markets. Training will also be delivered on issues related to climate change and its effect on their livelihood activities.



MERCY CORPS SCOTLAND - SKYE: The Start-Up Kashmir Youth Entrepreneur Development Project Kashmir
Total award for 2010 - 2013: £400,000

Mercy Corps Scotland will deliver an integrated and targeted response to a specific set of barriers related to the business-enabling environment and the lack of specific initiatives, expertise and co-ordination that are impeding youth entrepreneurship in Kashmir. The project will also deliver awareness raising, skills building and mentoring, alongside access to finances to enable youths to leverage improved private and government support to start up their enterprises.

December 2010, The Foreign Secretary William Hague laid a statement in Parliament on how the UK plans to reinvigorate the Commonwealth.

Her Majesty's Government have undertaken to strengthen the United Kingdom's relationship with the Commonwealth and to ensure that the United Kingdom is closely involved in plans to reinvigorate this unique organisation.

The purpose of this statement is to inform the House about the Government's reasons and objectives for doing this.

The Commonwealth today is as important to the United Kingdom as ever. The Coalition Agreement sets out a vision "to strengthen the Commonwealth as a focus for promoting democratic values and development." The Foreign and Commonwealth Office will lead a co-ordinated cross Whitehall approach to help the Commonwealth achieve its potential and which underlines the United Kingdom's commitment to this unique global organisation.

Our relationship with the Commonwealth has been primarily based on its history, values and common bonds. But the modern Commonwealth, including countries that were never British colonies, has been transformed. Today's Commonwealth bridges all of the continents, embraces almost two billion people, and represents all of the world's major faiths. Its membership includes many of the fastest growing and increasingly technologically advanced economies in the world. These are the great markets of today and tomorrow. Equally important is the forum it provides for numerous smaller nations which may feel that their voice is lost in the wider United Nations structure and who find the more informal Commonwealth setting an ideal place to be heard.

The Commonwealth of the 21st century should stand for democracy, development, and human rights, and act as a recognised force for good on the issues of our times. It could also be used much more effectively to further the United Kingdom's foreign policy priorities and worldwide economic interests. The United Kingdom is already at the heart of this ready made network, which fits perfectly into the new global environment. In the words of the Head of the Commonwealth, Her Majesty the Queen, the Commonwealth is indeed 'the face of the future'. It is a future in which the United Kingdom will play a full part.

To achieve this, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will work closely with Whitehall partners to:

- define and develop ways in which the modern Commonwealth can add value to the delivery of United Kingdom policy goals and act as a global soft power network.
- use the Commonwealth to develop trade and investment opportunities for the United Kingdom and to promote intra-Commonwealth trade.
- support Commonwealth development programmes and bilateral assistance in Commonwealth countries.
- reform, strengthen and renew the Commonwealth structures and purposes through the Eminent Persons Group, the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group reform process, and in concert with key partners ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2011.
- focus Commonwealth activity where it has strengths and conclude activity where others are better placed and better resourced.
- strengthen the Commonwealth through expanded membership and partner and observer agreements.
- work with the Commonwealth Secretariat better to demonstrate the benefits of membership to the public in Commonwealth nations
- use the Commonwealth in other international institutions (e.g. the United Nations, the Group of 20) where we can develop common foreign policy aims.
- connect with the "internal Commonwealth", the many United Kingdom communities with close ties to Commonwealth countries, to the benefit of social cohesion within British society.



The Commonwealth

Headquarters: Marlborough House, London, UK

Membership: 54 sovereign states (Population 2005 estimate 1,921,974,000)

Head of the Commonwealth: HM Queen Elizabeth II (since 6 February 1952)

Secretary General: Kamlesh Sharma (since 1 April 2008)

Chairperson-in-Office: Kamla Persad-Bissessar (since 26 May 2010)

Event: Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 28-30 October 2011.



Pakistani TV Star Nadia Jamil to act as Katherine in the Urdu version of William Shakespeare's play "The Taming of the Shrew"

Shakespeare's Globe has announced its plans to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games with an unprecedented multi-lingual Shakespeare project. For the first time

ever in a single theatre season, all the plays of Shakespeare will be presented, each in a different language, each by a different company from around the world. Over the course of six weeks, beginning on Shakespeare's birthday, 23 April 2012, the Globe will host a kaleidoscope of 38 international theatre companies, from some of the most respected to some of the newest, to present every one of Shakespeare's 38 plays in a different language.

This project will be the most ambitious multilingual Shakespeare project ever attempted, building on a long tradition of international Shakespeare productions in London. It will also celebrate the vast array of ethnic communities and languages that make up London's vibrant multi-cultural landscape.

Artistic Director, Dominic Dromgoole explains: "It has long been recognised that Shakespeare, as well as a great playwright, has become an international language, and has proved one of the most life-affirming and barrier transcending ways that people can speak to one another. His plays have been translated into every major living language and there is a long tradition of Shakespeare performances around the world in people's own vernacular.

"As Shakespeare's theatrical London home, we want to celebrate this international affection by welcoming Shakespeare enthusiasts – producers, performers and audiences – to experience his work in their own languages and dialects within this iconic theatre. During the course of these six weeks, the Globe will create an international Shakespeare community in the heart of London, as a prelude to the internationalism which will fill the capital later in the year with the Olympics".

Within the season, Shakespeare's Globe will stage one production, with the remaining 37 plays presented by theatre companies from around the world including *The Taming of the Shrew* in Urdu, starring Pakistani television star Nadia Jamil as Katherine, and *King Lear* in Australian Aboriginal languages. Other performances include "Julius Caesar" in Italian, "Troilus and Cressida" in Maori, "The Tempest" in Arabic and "Love's Labour's Lost" in British sign language.

This programme is funded by the National Lottery through the Olympic Lottery Distributor.

For more information, please contact:

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About the Globe

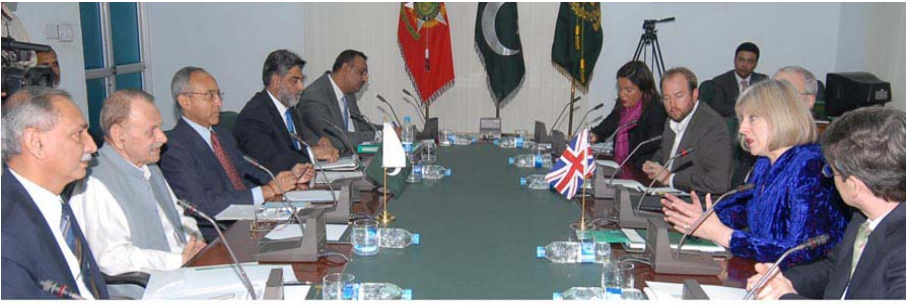
Founded by the pioneering American actor and director Sam Wanamaker, Shakespeare's Globe is a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work and the playhouse for which he wrote, through the connected means of performance and education.

Together, the Globe Theatre Company, Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition and Globe Education seek to further the experience and international understanding of Shakespeare in performance.

The Shakespeare Globe Trust today

Shakespeare's Globe Trust is dedicated to the experience and international understanding of Shakespeare in performance. Uniquely its work celebrates the fact that the greatest dramatic poet in the English language lived and worked in London and that the cradle of English theatre was on Bankside by the River Thames.

News in Pictures



British MP, Home Secretary and Minister for Women & Equality, Theresa May in a meeting with Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Arbab Muhammad Zahir at Narcotics Centre Division in Islamabad on October 26, 2010



Federal Minister for Interior Senator A. Rehman Malik presenting a souvenir to Chief of Defense UK General David Richard after National Counter-IED Seminar in Islamabad on November 25, 2010



A delegation of British House of Commons Committee on Foreign Affairs led by Mr. Richard Attenborough called on Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nawabzada Malik Amad Khan in Islamabad on October 28, 2010



MR. ANDREW MICHAEL, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, UNITED KINGDOM MEETING WITH MR. QAIM ALI SHAH, CHIEF MINISTER SINDH, AT ISLAMABAD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2010



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MR. ADAM THOMSON, CALLING ON SENATOR MIAN RAZA RABBANI, CHAIRMAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON NOVEMBER 05, 2010.



ISLAMABAD-ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER ON SAFFRON ASMA ARBAB ALAMGIR EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH ALISA LATHAM SECOND SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ON 24/11/10



Pakistan's High Commissioner to UK Mr. Wajid Shamsul Hasan addressing at the reception hosted by him for delegates of Conservative Party Annual Conference at Birmingham 05.10.2010.



Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting Qamar Zaman Kaira talking to British Member of Parliament Yasmin Qureshi who called on him in Islamabad on 14-12-2010.



Minister for Foreign Affairs Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi meeting with British Foreign Secretary William Hague at London on December 1, 2010.



Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani talking with Dr. Anthony Dunnett, President International Health Partners London, UK at PM House, Islamabad on December 1, 2010

The Pakistan Society Charity Twenty20 Cricket Match



On 25th September 2010 the Pakistan Society hosted a Charity Twenty20 Cricket Match in aid of Major Langlands School in Chitral. The British Army XI played a team representing Major Langlands School in the wonderful setting of Burton's Court in front of The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Major Langlands' team was captained by PJ Mir (from ARY television, a former professional player) and included Dr Naseem Ashraf (former Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board) and a number of young English and Pakistani friends of the school. The legendary ninety-two year old Major Geoffrey Langlands, CMG, was with us for this event and presented the prizes. The British Army won, but the cup for the Man of the Match went to Will Hodson, from Major Langlands' team.



The band of the Coldstream Guards played during the afternoon. Players and spectators were treated to a spectacular cream tea during the tea break. There were stalls selling a variety of products and a grand raffle in aid of the school. In view of the summer's catastrophic floods an auction was held in aid of the work of the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN). Mr Shoaib Sultan, Chairman of RSPN, attended the event and spoke movingly of his organisation's work.



It was bitterly cold, but there was a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



The Pakistan Society raised £17,000 for Maj Langlands School and £3,000 for Pakistan Floods Appeal

Royal Honours for Major Langlands



The British High Commissioner, Adam Thomson, by instruction of Queen Elizabeth II, presented the Order of St. Michael and St.

George (CMG) to Major Geoffrey Langlands at a reception held in the British High Commission on 21 October 2010.

He received this honour in recognition for his services to education in Pakistan.

Major Langlands, a British citizen, has been living in Pakistan even before partition, arriving in then British India in 1944. After serving in the Pakistan Army, which he left in 1953, he taught at Aitchison College in Lahore for 25 years; spent 10 years as Principle of a school in North Waziristan; and then founded Langlands School and College in Chitral where he has been Principle since 1989.

The event was made even more special as it marked Major Langlands 93rd birthday.

The President of Pakistan announced in August last year that Major Langlands would also be recognised by Pakistan. He is to be given the honour of Hilal-e-Imtiaz, on Pakistan Day 23 March 2011.

Adam Thomson paid tribute to Major Langlands:

"It is with great respect that I present Major Langlands with this Honour today. This is a testament to the dedication that Major Langlands has shown to improve the quality of education in Pakistan. The fact that at 93 years of age he is still devoted to his job as Principle of Langlands School and College in Chitral is a reflection of this commitment."



Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Pakistan Society will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 12 April 2011 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 Statement for the year ending 31 December 2010.
3. To re-elect officers and Hon. Auditor.
4. To elect/re-elect Executive Committee Members.
5. Vote of thanks.

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

Announcements

New Special Representative on Afghanistan and Pakistan

In September 2010, the Foreign Secretary agreed to Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles' request to step down from his role as the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative on Afghanistan and Pakistan. They agreed that as the role has evolved since February 2009 it is not now necessary for the UK to have a full time Special Representative, separate from policy responsibility for Afghanistan and Pakistan in the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Secretary has appointed Karen Pierce, Director South Asia and Afghanistan, as Special Representative. He said:

"Sherard has made an invaluable contribution to UK policy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan. He showed great commitment, dedication and expertise during an important phase in international efforts in the region. He has a very able successor in Karen Pierce. Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to be this government's top priority in foreign affairs."



Pakistan: A Hard Country by Professor Anatol Lieven (Department of War Studies, King's College London) will be published on 28 April 2011 by Pearson. The book is based on a profound and sophisticated analysis of Pakistan's history and its social, religious and

political structures. Professor Lieven has interviewed hundreds of Pakistanis at every level of society, from leading politicians and soldiers to village mullahs and rickshaw drivers.

For details of the book launch on 26 April please go to www.kcl.ac.uk/warstudies/events

Faiz Ahmed Faiz - Centenary Celebrations

2011 is the 100th year of the birth of famous Pakistani Poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz and will be Celebrated by Faiz lovers through out the World. Faiz has, in his poetry, presented the aspirations, anguish, pain and suffering of the people not only that of Pakistan but of the whole world, as well as their unremitting resolve to create a better and just society. His was the voice of sanity for Peace in the troubled world.

It is, therefore, the mission of the Progressive Writers Association of Pakistan that Faiz Centenary celebrations are held round the year in 2011 in Pakistan and abroad. PWA Pakistan invites all institutions, organisations, groups and individuals in Pakistan and abroad to join hands in this endeavor and work together to celebrate the 100th Birth Anniversary of the foremost son of the Nation to project his message of humanity, peace and love across the world.

Recent Events

Wednesday, 22 September 2010

Pakistan Floods 2010

Mishal Husain (BBC News presenter) chaired the evening of awareness about the floods. Jacky Martens (BBC News) talked about organisation and difficulties faced by film crews to bring stories to the viewers. She showed short clips of what they filmed during the floods, the people and stories they covered. Lisa Robinson (BBC World Service Trust) talked of the importance of information for disaster-affected populations in the wake of a crisis and how this differs from news. She explained how radio was used effectively in flood affected areas of Pakistan during this time. Dr Daanish Mustafa (Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, King's College London) spoke about the course of the river Indus, the barrages built across it, and possible reasons for the floods that occurred.

Wednesday, 10 November 2010

150 Years of Frontier Railways. - An illustrated talk

Nick Lera, an independent documentary producer and former award-winning BBC cameraman treated railway enthusiasts, members and friends of The Pakistan Society to a fascinating talk on the Frontier Railways. Using unpublished historic photographs he explored the history of pushing rails through harsh mountain terrain in Baluchistan in the 19th century. This was followed by clips from on the spot documentaries he made in the Bolan Pass, the Chappar Rift, Chaman, Waziristan and the Khyber in the 1990s, showing how some of the railways became economic lifelines while others are now mere scars in the hills. A DVD entitled "Rails to the North West Frontier" was also available to buy. This presentation was to mark the upcoming 150th anniversary of the first railway in Pakistan, the so-called "Scinde, Punjab & Delhi Railway". Ostensibly to further trade its main purpose was to facilitate defence of the Frontier.

Wednesday, 8 December 2010

Eid/Christmas Reception

The Eid/Christmas reception held at the High Commission for Pakistan was an enjoyable evening attended by over 70 members and their friends. Gen Palmer welcomed everyone and spoke about past and future events. He reminded people to renew their subscriptions, better still to become life members. He made special mention of the charity, the Layton Rahmatulla Benevolent Trust and their wonderful work in Pakistan. Vivienne Hahne of LRBT handed out brochures for those who wished to donate.

Wednesday, 5 January 2011

Visit to Saint Luke's Church & National Army Museum, Chelsea

The New Year got off to a cracking start for The Pakistan Society with a visit by almost thirty members to Saint Luke's Church, Chelsea and to the National Army Museum, also in Chelsea, on Wednesday 5th January 2011. Saint Luke's was of interest because it was chosen to house the Regimental and other ecclesiastic memorials of the Punjab Frontier Force, the 'Piffers', after the Independence of Pakistan in 1947, when there was a misplaced concern about the future of such artefacts. The Lady Chapel at Saint Luke's became dedicated as a Memorial Chapel to the Piffers. An interesting talk on the history of the Punjab Frontier Force and the Memorial Chapel was given by our own Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan, who is a graduate of the Pakistan National Defence College, and information on the church by Curate Alison Craven followed. In more recent times many of the artefacts were moved to the nearby National Army Museum, but there remained in the Sanctum many to the 3rd (Queen Alexandra's Own) Gurkha Rifles, which were enjoyed by a quick visit to that location.

After an enjoyable stroll along the King's Road, we arrived at the National Army Museum to be met by the Curator of Fine and Decorative Art, Mr Pip Dodd, who then took us to see those Piffer memorials that were on display in the main galleries. Many more were in storage. There then followed a conducted tour of the special exhibition 'Indian Armies, Indian Art – Soldiers, Collectors and Artists 1780-1880, when we were joined by the Director of the Museum, Dr Janice Murray and other members of the museum staff. The event finished in the main art gallery and a delicious light lunch. We are all indebted to the staff of Saint Luke's and of the National Army Museum for making us feel so welcome and to Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan for facilitating such a memorable occasion.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 9 February 2011

Humanitarian-Military interaction in Complex Emergencies: the Experience of Pakistan

Masood ul-Mulk has been the Chief Executive of (SRSP) since 2001. He was part of the five-member UN, government and humanitarian team that led the 2009 UN Humanitarian Appeal for internally displaced persons. From 1991 to 1999, Masood was Regional Programme Manager for the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme in Chitral, Pakistan. Masood introduced a micro-hydro power system which supplies electricity to about 175,000 people in over 110 villages, and won an Ashden Award for sustainable energy. Masood has been a consultant

for Department for International Development, Sustainable Development Commission, United Nations Development Programme and Food and Agriculture Organisation. SRSP is the largest NGO working to alleviate poverty in north-west Pakistan

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

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

Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Pakistan's first experiment with Democracy 1947-58

Dr Ian Talbot is a Professor of Modern British History at University of Southampton and a Leverhulme Scholar at the University of Oxford. He has written many articles and books on Pakistan, including *Pakistan - A Modern History*. Dr Talbot will talk about his recent study on the Punjab, the decade post Partition.

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Tuesday, 12 April 2011

Annual General Meeting

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

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Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Pakistan –A Hard Country

Anatol Lieven is a Professor at Department of War Studies, King's College London. He has worked as a journalist, mainly in the former Soviet Union and South Asia. During this period he covered the anti-Soviet war in Afghanistan, the Chechen war of 1994-96 and other conflicts. In recent years Anatol Lieven has worked chiefly on aspects of the "war on terror", including contemporary US global strategy and its background in US history and political culture. He writes a monthly column for the Financial Times, and is published frequently in other newspapers and journals. Professor Lieven has travelled extensively for research in Pakistan and other parts of the Muslim world. He will talk about his forthcoming book on Pakistan.

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Other Events



Pakistan Young Leaders Conference (PYLC) 2011

11-13 February 2011 at Oxford University. The purpose of PYLC is to develop leadership development program that aims to bring together outstanding young people from around the country and help them build critical leadership skills that will help them groom in to successful leaders of the future. This program gives the participants a greater understanding of their roles as national ambassadors and will serve as a platform for the youth to think about problems facing Pakistan and propose possible solutions. For more details contact Riaz Rahman, NUPSA South Liaison Officer Email: riaz.rahman@nupsa.org



Commonwealth Writers Prize

Wednesday 16 February 2011. Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London| W1G 7LP.

The Commonwealth Writers Prize (CWP) is one of the world's most important literary awards, recognising the best fiction by both established and new writers from Commonwealth countries.

Join regional chairperson Muneeza Shamsie (Pakistani writer, critic and bibliographer), judges Dennis Walder and Tahmima Anam, previous winners of the prize and writers from the newly announced 2010/11 short-list as they discuss how different literatures influence, nourish and enrich each other. Tickets: £10/£6. Asia House Friends £5 Email: enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk Tel: 020 7307 5454

Jashan E Pakistan - Pakistan Floods Appeal

1800-2300 hrs on Thursday, 17 February 2011 at Hendon Fom, Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BT Organised by Middlesex University Pakistani Society, this event aims to bring the Pakistani community, as well as people of other ethnicities, to come and see the side of Pakistan that is unfortunately ignored in the media today. Event include: The four provinces show, comedy, Pakistan's Got Talent, Dhol Competition, refreshments, traditional stalls and more! Tickets £4 (advance) or £5. For more details contact Mohammed Saad Fayyaz President, Middlesex University Pakistani Society Email: mdxpaksoc@hotmail.com

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The Pakistan Society Annual Membership Renewal

Please note that the **Annual Ordinary/Associate Membership fee for 2011** 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 2010.

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