



The Pakistan Society

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Newsletter – January 2014

Message from the Chairman of The Pakistan Society Sir William Blackburne



It was with sadness but no surprise that the Society learned in the summer that Zulfiqar Gardezi was to leave his post as Deputy High Commissioner and return to Islamabad. Having served here in the 1990s Zulfiqar was no stranger to London or the Society and his appointment as Deputy High Commissioner in [early] 2012 had been warmly welcomed. As Deputy

High Commissioner Zulfiqar was automatically Deputy Chairman of the Society and in that capacity proved himself to be loyal and hardworking. He will be sadly missed, as will his wife [Laila], although we hope that when they find themselves passing through London they will look us up, and, if their visit happens to coincide with a Society event, find time to put in an appearance. Zulfiqar now takes up a senior Foreign Ministry appointment in Islamabad where we wish him every success. We look forward to seeing him representing Pakistan in the role of an Ambassador somewhere in the world (the nearer to London the better!) in the not too distant future.

Every cloud has a silver lining and the sadness of Zulfiqar's departure has been softened by the pleasure of greeting his successor, Imran Mirza. The Society wishes him and his wife [Ayesha] well during their time in London. We have no doubt that he will participate in the life of the Society as vigorously as his predecessor has done.

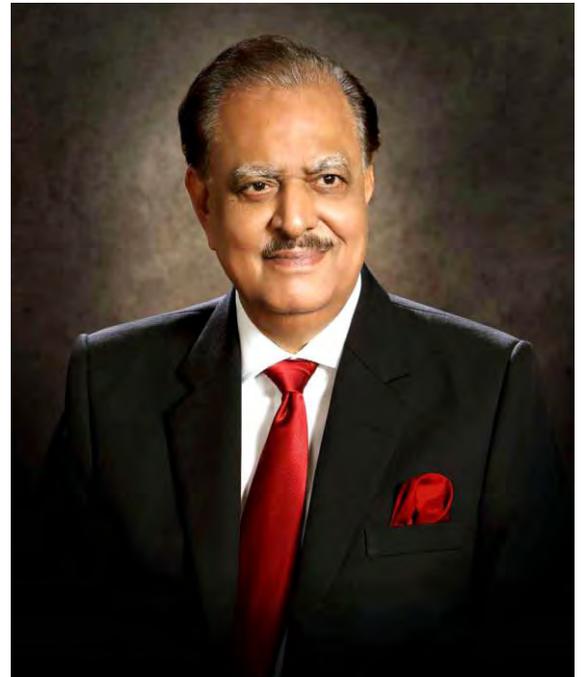


Mr Mohammad Imran Mirza assumed duties as the Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan to the United Kingdom and Deputy Chairman of The Pakistan Society in July 2013.

Mr. Mirza has been in the Pakistan diplomatic service for over 20 years. He has previously served in the Pakistan Embassy in Washington DC and Pakistan Consulate General in Dubai. In the Foreign Office Islamabad, Mr. Mirza has dealt with Pakistan's relations with European countries including the UK as well as multilateral institutions like the European Union and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. He has also served at senior positions in the Ministry's administration and protocol divisions.

Mr. Mirza attended Aitchison College in Lahore and obtained Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Columbia University, New York, USA. He is married to Ayesha and they have two children.

The Society's New Co-Patron



President of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain

HE Mr Mamnoon Hussain was elected as the 12th President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan through his official nomination made by PML (N) Party. He took the oath of office on 9 Sept 2013

2014

Happy New Year

Please Renew Your Annual Membership

The annual Membership fee for 2014 is now due. Ordinary Members £40, Students and Overseas Members £15.

Please note that annual subscriptions runs for one year from 1st January to 31st December. The Membership Renewal and the Bankers Order Forms are attached.

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Next Event: Ahmed Rashid talk at 6pm on Fri, 17 Jan 14 at Khaili Theatre SOAS Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Cabinet



Mohammad Ishaq Dar
Minister Finance



Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan
Minister Interior

Chief Ministers



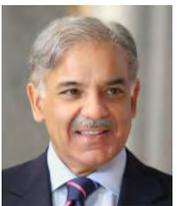
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Balochistan



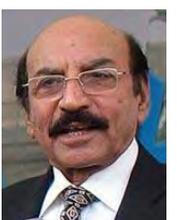
Syed Mehdi Shah (PPP)
Gilgit-Baltistan



Pervaiz Khatak (PTI)
KPK



Shahbaz Sharif (PML-N)
Punjab



Qaim Ali Shah (PPP)
Sindh



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif inspecting guard of honour, presented to him by a smartly turned out contingent representing three armed forces, at the Prime Minister's House, Islamabad on June 5, 2013

Nawaz Sharif took office on 5th June 2013.

Key Ministerial Appointments

Federal Ministers

Mr Mohammad Ishaq Dar
Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan
Mr Rana Tanveer Hussain
Mr Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi
Mr Pervaiz Rashid
Mr Muhammad Barjees Tahir
Mr Zahid Hamid
Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif
Mr Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan
Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi
Mr Shahid Khagan Abbasi
Mr Ahsan Iqbal
Mr Kamran Michael
Mr Khawaja Saad Rafique
Sardar Muhammad Yousaf
Lt Gen (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch
Khawaja Muhammad Asif
Sadar Sanallah Zehri

Ministers of State

Mr Tariq Fatimi
Mr Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman
Mr Usman Ibrahim
Mrs Anusha Rehman Ahmed Khan
Mrs Saira Afzal Tarar
Sheikh Aftab Ahmed
Mr Jam Kamal Khan
Mr Abdul Hakeem Balouch
Pir Muhammad Amin Ul Hasnat Shah
Engr Khurram Dastgir Khan

Advisors

Capt (Retd) Shujaat Azim
Mr Sartaj Aziz

Portfolios

Finance, Economic Affairs and Statistics
Interior and Narcotics Control
Defence Production
Industries and Production
Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage
Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan
Science and Technology
Law, Justice and Human Rights
National Food Security and Research
Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
Petroleum and Natural Resources
Planning and Development
Ports and Shipping
Railways
Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony
States and Frontier Regions
Water and Power
Special Assistant to Prime Minister

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs
Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education
Housing and Works
Information Technology and Telecommunication
National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination
Parliamentary Affairs
Petroleum and Natural Resources
Railways
Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony
Privatisation

Advisor to Prime Minister on Aviation
Advisor to PM on National Security & Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister David Cameron's Visit to Pakistan



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and British Prime Minister, David Cameron at joint press stakeout at Prime Minister's House, Islamabad on 30th June, 2013.

Joint Statement between the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Prime Ministers Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and David Cameron reiterated their confidence in the future of Pakistan and UK relations, committing to intensive co-operation as equals towards greater progress and prosperity. They agreed to find new ways to make the close and cooperative friendship beneficial for the people in both countries.

As the first foreign Head of Government to visit Pakistan since the new government took office, Prime Minister Cameron expressed his confidence in the future of Pakistan, congratulating its people and institutions on the steps they have taken towards a strong, stable democracy.

Building on the existing warm friendship and confidence in Pakistan's economic future, the Prime Ministers focused on trade, pledging a new target of increasing bilateral trade to £3billion by 2015, up from their previous commitment of £2.5billion.

Over 100 British companies are operating successfully in Pakistan. This includes Mott MacDonald in infrastructure development; Unilever in consumer goods; and GlaxoSmithKline in pharmaceuticals. A major British company Orion Energy has concluded a joint venture partnership with Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) to utilise Pakistan's natural gas reserves to generate electricity. The second annual trade conference will be hosted this autumn in London to encourage more companies to follow their success. Both sides will encourage strong participation from the energy sector. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif pledged his government's full support to creating the right environment to attract further investment.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif informed Prime Minister Cameron about his ambitious plans to enhance growth, create jobs and reduce poverty to create a brighter future for the people of Pakistan. The UK will continue to play its leading role in the international community to support Pakistan to enhance economic growth, including through increased market access to the European Union. Under the framework of the Enhanced Strategic Dialogue the two governments will continue their regular dialogue on economic reform.

Looking to the next generation, the UK and Pakistan will continue to work together to help Pakistan's people fulfil their potential. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif reiterated his commitment to increase the number of children in school and quality of education in Pakistan, and welcomed a continuing, strong partnership with the UK to transform education in Pakistan. Prime Minister Cameron welcomed empowerment for the poorest through Pakistan's increased funding for the income support programme and also recommitted ongoing UK assistance for the programme.

The Prime Ministers acknowledged the positive contribution of the British and Pakistani communities living in each other's countries towards the development and prosperity of both countries. Prime Minister Cameron announced that the British Council would be opening a library in Lahore and a cultural space in Karachi. The UK and Pakistan are committed to fully exploiting the enormous potential in their relationship through strengthening practical cooperation in ways that are mutually beneficial.

Prime Minister Cameron paid tribute to the people of Pakistan who had sacrificed so much and still clearly rejected the terrorist violence and intimidation. The UK will work in partnership with Pakistan providing expertise in support of Pakistan's developing strategy on counter terrorism. The UK will provide more equipment to tackle the scourge of improvised explosive devices and support Pakistan in improving the security of its infrastructure, including sharing the UK's expertise in safeguarding sporting events.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif apprised Prime Minister Cameron about the ongoing Pakistan-India Peace process. They underscored the importance of peace, stability and security in Afghanistan and reaffirmed their support for an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned reconciliation process.

Intensive, practical co-operation will capitalise on the growing joint opportunities on trade, investment, energy, and in the cultural spheres. In the coming months, the Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and Secretary of State William Hague will discuss specific measures through the Enhanced Strategic Dialogue which underscores the unbreakable partnership between Pakistan and the UK. There will be regular in-depth dialogue between Ministers, including the UK Secretary for International Development Justine Greening on UK development cooperation, and Home Secretary Theresa May who will intensify mutually beneficial co-operation. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif accepted an invitation to visit the UK to carry forward the process of further enhancing cooperation between the two countries.

An Open Letter to Pakistan

In an open letter to Pakistan UK Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi reflects on the past year and looks to the challenges ahead.



Dear Pakistan, It's the time of year for celebrations around the world, as many in the UK and Pakistan celebrate Christmas and Pakistanis worldwide honour Quaid-i-Azam's birth. These holidays signal the end of the year, providing an opportunity to reflect on the past and contemplate the challenges ahead.

This has been a hugely significant year in your history. As both the Minister responsible for our relationship with Pakistan, and as a proud British citizen of Pakistani heritage, I was delighted this year to celebrate the first democratic transition of power in Pakistan's history, when I visited with Prime Minister David Cameron. He was the first head of government to visit after that historic election, and we were struck by the optimism and the expectation of those that we met. This positive spirit must be captured and taken forward.

Let me also congratulate you on securing the GSP+ trade deal with the European Union. We in the UK worked tirelessly in support of you, which now gives Pakistani businesses unprecedented access to European markets, estimated to be worth up to £500 million next year. I know that it will provide the opportunities that your younger generation so desperately need: A stronger Pakistani economy will lead to a stronger Pakistan.

But I worry about the continuing challenges that you face. One in three Pakistanis still lives on less than 50 rupees a day. Some 12 million Pakistani children don't go to school. Less than 0.5% per cent of your population pays income tax. The national debt stands at \$60 billion, meaning that more than 60% of Pakistan's federal revenue is spent on paying interest and debt each year. And on Christmas day, I think of those killed at the All Saints Church in Peshawar in September. 2013 was again another year with too many attacks against minorities and innocent civilians. So today is the day to ask whether Pakistan is living up to the vision spoken by Mohammed Ali Jinnah when he said: "You are free; you are free to go to your temples. You are free to go to your mosques or to any other places of worship in this State of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion, caste or creed—that has nothing to do with the business of the State."

I consider you, Pakistan, as a friend and as a close partner, with whom we have many shared interests, and with whom we can talk frankly about our shared challenges. And it's because we consider your success our success, and your challenges our challenges that our aid programme with Pakistan is one of our largest in the world, and that's why it focuses so strongly on education. Our investment in your future will provide education for 4m children, including 2m girls, by 2015, and will result in an additional 45,000 teachers. This is further evidence of our commitment, which is reinforced by your diaspora, which in the UK remits £627 million each year; they are your strongest supporters and loudest advocates.

You have set off on the tough road of economic reform, improving governance and tackling crippling energy shortages. We will support you on this road. I am a member of a British government that has had to take some incredibly painful decisions in tackling our national debt. We therefore know that your journey will be difficult, but you must stay the course. Because as every family knows, it is irresponsible for today's generation to live to excess, and to leave for the next generation the burden of picking up the pieces.

As a British government Minister I am delighted that our relationship is stronger than ever. It spans from our political relationship to the links between our business, and from our shared love of sport and music to our deep family connections. All make up the vibrancy of this intertwined partnership. That's why the UK always responds quickly and generously when you are in need. It's why we did all we could after the devastating earthquake in 2005, and after the terrible floods in 2010. I had the opportunity to visit Pakistan immediately after both. I saw firsthand the passion in Pakistan's youth as they mobilized to help. I felt your pain, and I felt proud of how British people, of all backgrounds, races and religions, responded in Pakistan's hour of need.

I was born in a small town in the north of the UK, but I was brought up by my parents to know Pakistan, to understand Pakistan and to love Pakistan. The country has achieved so much since its traumatic creation more than 65 years ago. It has overcome partition and a bloody separation from East Pakistan. You have been let down throughout your history by serious democratic shortcomings, corruption and the scourge of terrorism. On the eve of 2014 I know you have the strength and determination to break free from the failures of the past.

An Open Letter to Pakistan (cont.)

You are an incredibly diverse, vibrant and proud nation. Your land is home to some of the world's most spectacular mountain ranges, incredibly fertile soil, and some of the oldest archaeological remains in existence. You gave the world 'the conqueror' Jehangir Khan, 'the voice' Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and the living saint Abdul Sattar Edhi.

You have a world-leading textile industry. The shalwar kameez which I wore on that first historic Cabinet meeting in 2010 which saw Britain's first Muslim Cabinet minister was made in Pakistan. You have a dynamic and young population, a growing high tech sector, and an increasingly vocal and active civil society, epitomized by brave people such as Malala Yousafzai. You have a lot to be proud of. As I've said before, a part of my heart will always beat with Pakistan.

As you mark this special day the challenge I put to Pakistan, to each and every Pakistani, is can you be sure that what Pakistan is today, and the direction in which it is heading, will attract the love and warmth from my children and my grandchildren as it does from me and my generation? I urge you to dedicate 2014 to creating a Pakistan that we can all be proud of. I wish you a happy Quaid-i-Azam day, a Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

**Senior Foreign Office Minister
Baroness Warsi**

Change of British High Commissioner to Pakistan



**Mr Philip Barton
CMG OBE has
been appointed
British High
Commissioner to
Pakistan.**

He will succeed Mr Adam Thomson, who will be transferring to

another Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Barton will take up his appointment during January 2014.

Mr Barton joined the FCO in 1986. His last posting was as Deputy Head of Mission in Washington. He has held a number of positions dealing with South Asian issues, including Director of Foreign Policy and Afghanistan/Pakistan Co-ordinator in the Cabinet Office as part of the Secretariat supporting the National Security Council; Additional Director for South Asia in the FCO; and a posting in New Delhi.

He served as Private Secretary to Prime Ministers John Major and Tony Blair. He has also been posted to Gibraltar as Deputy Governor, Nicosia as Deputy High Commissioner and Caracas.

On his appointment as British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Mr Barton has said:

It is an honour and a privilege for me to be appointed to represent the United Kingdom in Pakistan. As Prime Minister David Cameron said when he visited Islamabad in June, we in the UK care deeply about Pakistan, its people and its future.

The one million people of Pakistani origin in the UK are a bridge between our two countries. I look forward to advancing our shared agenda and common interests over the years ahead.

Curriculum vitae

Personal details:

Full name: Philip Barton CMG OBE
Married to: Amanda Barton
Children: Two

Period	Post
Apr 11 – present	Washington, Deputy Head of Mission
Sep 09 – Mar 11	Cabinet Office, Director, Foreign Policy and Afghanistan/Pakistan Coordinator
Jul 08 – Sep 09	FCO, Additional Director, South Asia
Mar 05 – Jun 08	Gibraltar, Deputy Governor
Jul 00 – Nov 04	Nicosia, Deputy High Commissioner
Jan 97 – Apr 00	No 10, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
May 94 – Dec 96	New Delhi, First Secretary (External)
Apr 93 – Apr 94	FCO, Head of Institutions Section, EU (Internal) Department
Apr 91 – Apr 93	Cabinet Office, Assessments Staff
Dec 87 – Mar 91	Caracas, Third, later Second, Secretary (Chancery)
Jan 87 – Sep 87	FCO, Assistant Desk Officer, Economic Relations Department



The second annual UK – Pakistan Trade and Investment Conference was held in London on 17 December. The conference, which fulfils a UK commitment under the UK-Pakistan trade and investment roadmap, was attended by over 50 business representatives from UK and Pakistan companies, and delivered in partnership with the Pakistan Britain Trade and Investment Forum. The aim is to raise awareness of investment opportunities in Pakistan, the support available for UK companies considering the market, and provides a forum for business leaders from both nations to make important connections. Discussions throughout the day focused on three key sectors – Energy, Education, and Retail.

Senior Foreign Office Minister Baroness Warsi said:

In my role as Minister for Pakistan over the last year I have visited Islamabad and Lahore, most recently with British business representatives, where I was struck by the diversity of businesses that are trading between our two nations, and the wealth of opportunity there is for business. There is much to be positive about for the future. I was delighted that the European Parliament voted last week to grant Pakistan the GSP+ – something the UK has been a tireless advocate for – and will present even greater opportunity for bilateral trade

Minister of State for Trade and Investment Lord Livingston said:

Pakistan and the UK have a close relationship and trade is at the heart of this relationship - Britain is the top European destination for exports from Pakistan. We are working together to deepen our partnership for the long-term and our Prime Ministers have set us an ambitious target to boost bilateral trade to £3bn by 2015. Huge opportunity exists for British companies to export and grow in Pakistan - with a population of 185 million and there is strong demand for the high value products and services that the UK has to offer, especially among the growing middle class. 100 UK companies are already operating successfully in Pakistan and UK Trade & Investment, at home and through its offices in Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore, exists to

Richard Alwyne Fyjis-Walker CMG CVO 1927 - 2013

It is with regret that we record the death of Richard Fyjis-Walker on 17 September 2013. Richard was a former diplomat who entered Britain's foreign office at the age of 28 after army service in India and the Netherlands, and two years' work for the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa. He served as British Ambassador to Sudan (1979-84) and Pakistan (1984-87), and in other posts in Ankara (1972-74), Washington (1974-78), Paris, Cairo and New York. On his retirement he chaired the Commonwealth Institute in London and later on voluntary basis he served as Chairman of The Pakistan Society (1999-00). The esteem and affection in which he was held by all members of the Society was shown by his election in 2000, by unanimous vote to the position of one of the Hon. Vice Presidents of the Society. He leaves behind his wife and two sons

Dr Thomas Jones Roberts SI 1924 -2013

A renowned authority on Pakistan's wildlife and an internationally acclaimed ornithologist, Dr Thomas Jones Roberts, passed away on 5 July 2013 at the age of 88. His book, *The Birds of Pakistan*, is a major landmark in the field of ornithology as it was the first complete account of Pakistan's avifauna. The book was published in 1991. Other published works include *The Mammals of Pakistan* (1977), *The Butterflies of Pakistan* (2001), *Field Guide to the Small Mammals of Pakistan* (2005) and *Field Guide to the Large and Medium-sized Mammals of Pakistan* (2005).

Dr Roberts was founder member of WWF- Pakistan, he served on the board of governors (1985-91). In 1994, he was recognised for his research into the natural history of Pakistan and was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz, in 2002 he received the WWF International Award for Conservation and in 2012 he received The Pakistan Society Award in recognition of significant contribution to the advancement of public knowledge and understanding of Pakistan in the UK.

Dr Roberts was the son of Sir William Roberts who came to the subcontinent in 1906 and joined the Indian Agriculture Service. Dr Roberts first came to the region in 1946, a year before independence and retired in 1984 after running his own business in Punjab, Roberts Cotton Associates Ltd, a company founded by his father. He also served in FAO Pest Control Board Project in Karachi for 11 years. He leaves behind Frances, his wife of 61 years, a son and daughter, 5 grandchildren and a great-grandson, Thomas, who was born shortly after his death.

Foreign Secretary's Two Day Visit to Pakistan



Operating since 1983, the Chevening programme has sent over 1,200 Pakistanis to study in the UK.

Following his meetings, the Foreign Secretary William Hague said: "It is my pleasure to visit Pakistan again. Since my last visit in 2012, the world has watched the people of Pakistan come together to demonstrate a commitment to democracy. The first democratic transfer of power from one full-term civilian government to another was impressive and I congratulate the people of Pakistan."

During his two-day visit to Pakistan, the Foreign Secretary William Hague met members of the new Pakistani Government, including Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, and Interior Minister Chaudary Nisar. The Foreign Secretary also met parliamentarians, representatives of the Pakistani business community and civil society members.

The UK remains strongly committed to working closely with Pakistan on our many areas of shared interest. Intensive, practical cooperation will capitalise on the growing, joint opportunities on trade, investment, energy and cultural spheres. I look forward to continuing the Enhanced Strategic Dialogue which underscores this unbreakable friendship.

The Foreign Secretary underlined the UK's commitment to a deep, lasting relationship with Pakistan and discussed prosperity, security and the importance of our unique connections. The Foreign Secretary's visit followed last month's visit by Prime Minister David Cameron, during which a new £3 billion bilateral trade target for 2015 was announced.

The UK looks forward to building further on its deep friendship with Pakistan. It is a relationship that will long endure. I believe that our friendship is stronger today than ever."

The Foreign Secretary met senior business representatives and entrepreneurs at an event in Lahore hosted by the Chief Minister for Punjab, Shahbaz Sharif. He heard about the companies' successes of investing in Pakistan and future opportunities to expand in the country. The Foreign Secretary stressed the importance that the UK Government places on building ever-stronger trading links with Pakistan.

The Foreign Secretary later visited a world-class mobile forensics laboratory in Lahore. The laboratory is one of 18 operated by the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA). The UK's mentoring and cooperation with the PFSA is a prime example of the practical steps being taken by the UK in Pakistan to strengthen forensic capability to help increase the rate of successful terrorist prosecutions.

With a focus on cultural cooperation between the two countries, the Foreign Secretary visited the British Council Offices in Lahore and announced plans to reopen the British Council Library in Lahore in 2014. Reopening the Library in the capital of Punjab will provide much needed access to books and other online resources.

The Foreign Secretary also marked the 30th anniversary of the British Chevening Scholarship programme, meeting 19 Pakistani nationals who have been awarded scholarships to study in Britain.

New Year's Honours 2014

KCMG

Adam McClure Thomson CMG

High Commissioner, Pakistan. For services to British interests in Pakistan



MBE

Miss Jane Laura Jerrard

Co-ordinator and Adviser, Primary Education Project, Diocese of Hyderabad, Pakistan. For services to education, particularly for girls, in Pakistan



Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Pakistan Society will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, 2 April 2014 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 2013.
3. To re-elect officers and Hon. Auditor.
 1. To elect Executive Committee Members.
 2. Vote of thanks.

Minutes from last Meeting, Chairman's Report and Financial Statement will be made available at the AGM.

The Pakistan Society 60th Annual Dinner 5th June 2013



Citation for The Pakistan Society Annual Award for 2013

Read by
Sir Nicholas
Barrington
Honorary
Vice-President

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Pakistan Society has decided to present this year's award to recipients who are friends of mine and whom I admire. Yes, friends in the plural. This is the first of the annual awards that has been given jointly. Those we honour this evening are Peter and Dr Azra Meadows, academics whose work has been intertwined. They are also intertwined in marriage!

Operating mainly from Glasgow University the Meadows have devoted a considerable part of their lives to the study of Pakistan, its geography, biology, ecology, social structure and particularly its environmental problems.

I came in to contact with the Meadows partly because of their support for the intrepid English lady Maureen Lines (now becoming a Pakistan citizen) who lives and works with the unique Kalash people in Chitral. Peter Meadows is Chairman of the Hindu Kush Conservation Association which supports Maureen's work. It is one of those small charities with minimal overheads where gifts are soon translated into practical results. Currently a Middle School for girls, at local request, is being built in the Biriri Valley. The latest news is that funding has been secured for a second classroom.

Peter and Azra Meadows have taken a special interest in Chitral where they led a multi-disciplinary Royal Geographical Society mission in 1999. But their expertise and interests go much wider.

Their CV's are extensive and it is difficult to distinguish the couple's areas of scholarship. As far as I can see both are biologists, zoologists and ecologists as well as experts on civil engineering and rural communities.

They have taken a special interest in rivers, which are of course so vital for Pakistan. The country has been described as the broad catchment area of the great river which has given its name, in the West, to the whole of the Indian subcontinent. A valuable volume called "The River Indus: Biodiversity, Resources and Human Kind" was jointly edited by Peter and Azra Meadows. It is natural that they have

been particularly interested in environmental issues, including natural hazards like floods and earthquakes, because these are a product of Pakistan's complex geography.

Fuelled by the working visits they have made to Pakistan over a period of 25 years, Peter and Azra's academic studies have produced practical direct benefits for the people of Pakistan. They have worked with institutions such as the Asian Development Bank, WWF, IUCN and DFID not only in the Northern areas of Pakistan but in Baluchistan and Sindh coastal communities.

Peter and Azra's work has also involved developing and strengthening links between Glasgow University and academic institutions in Pakistan. They have made Pakistan better known and understood in British educational institutions which has been of great benefit not only to Scotland but to Britain as a whole.

Dr Azra Meadows is a daughter of a distinguished Pakistani scholar, marine biologist, poet and linguist, who has recently sadly died and whom I am very sorry that I never met. She has been chairperson for the Scottish Pakistani Association. In 2002 she was given a British Muslim achievement Award at the House of Lords for "The Promotion of Educational Activities between the United Kingdom and Pakistan", and in 2008 an OBE for "Services to UK and International Community Relations".

Peter Meadows, notable for his spending beard, was educated at Cambridge. He was awarded in 1995 a Geotechnical Medal by the UK Institution of Civil Engineers, and ten years later the Sitara-i-Quaid-i-Azam by the President of Pakistan for "Services to Education and the Environment."

But it is really impossible to distinguish the work of two scholars who have always collaborated closely. I believe it is a case of one plus one adding up to much more than two. They are a great team. The Pakistan Society wishes to honour them with its 2013 Annual Award jointly for their continuing work towards British understanding of Pakistan and for the strengthening links between our two countries.



EU Grants GSP+ Status to Pakistan



The European Parliament in its plenary session on 12 December 2013 voted in favour of grant of Generalised System of Preference Plus (GSP+) to Pakistan. It is expected that as a result of grant of GSP+ status Pakistan's exports to

European Union (EU) are likely to increase by around one billion US dollars in 2014. Previously, Pakistan had duty free access in the EU from 2002 to 2004 under the GSP Scheme which ended when it was successfully challenged in the WTO. Consequently since 2005 many crucial exports of Pakistan including textile garments and hosiery, bed linen and footwear, were facing high tariffs and stiff competition from competitors. This is because most of the competitors had duty free access to the EU under various preferential trade arrangements.

The new GSP+ Scheme will take effect from 1st January, 2014. It is anticipated that this enhanced market access opportunity to the EU will create almost 100,000 additional jobs in the manufacturing sector in one year. Many products like footballs, fruits including mangoes and pine nuts, animal products, cutlery products, surgical instruments, basmati rice already have zero rated duty for import into the European Union from Pakistan.

The advertisement features the HBL logo and 'HABIB BANK UK' at the top. The main headline reads 'eRemit Free* Funds Transfer to Pakistan was never this easy'. Below this, a contact number '0800 111 4251' and the website 'www.habibbankuk.com' are provided. The bottom left shows a man in a green shirt using a laptop and holding a credit card. The bottom right contains a list of key features and UK branch locations.

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Sandhurst



Corporal Cadet Asad Mushtaq wins Sword of Honour

The Overseas Sword was awarded to Cadet Corporal Asad Mushtaq from Pakistan by HRH The Countess of Wessex GCOV DStJ at 172nd Sovereign's Parade on 9 Aug 13.

Asad, 22, was born in Abbottabad. He attended the Pakistan National University of Science and Technology and then the Pakistan Military Academy, where he was a Cadet Corporal.

Whilst at Sandhurst, Asad was in the Academy cricket team and took part in cycling, orienteering swimming and polo. He is to join the 57th Cavalry, his father's regiment.

News in Pictures



Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Sharif being received at the Heathrow Airport London by British Foreign Secretary's Special Representative Mr. Bill Hendersen on 28-10-2013



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif being received by British Prime Minister David Cameron at his office at 10 Downing Street, London on October 29, 2013



PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF WITH MR. GORDON BROWN UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION AND MALALA YOUSAFZAI AT NEW YORK ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013.



Sir Nicholas Barrington reading the citation for The Pakistan Society Award presented at 60th Annual Dinner, Lincoln's Inn on June 5, 2013



British High Commissioner Adam Thomson called on Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad on December 08, 2013



Secretary of State for Defence UK, Mr Phillip Hammond in a group photo with Secretary Defence, Lt Gen (R) Asif Yasin Malik and other officials at the Ministry of Defence in Rawalpindi on November 12, 2013

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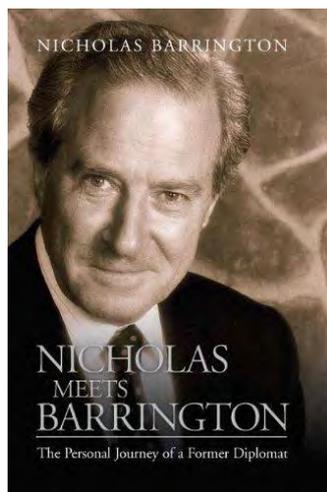
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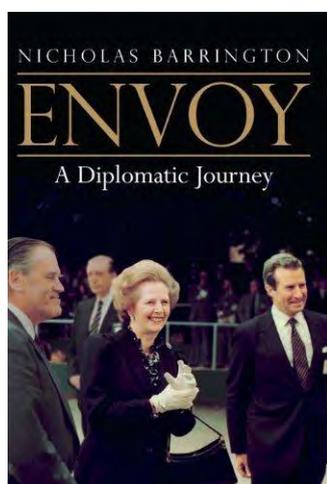
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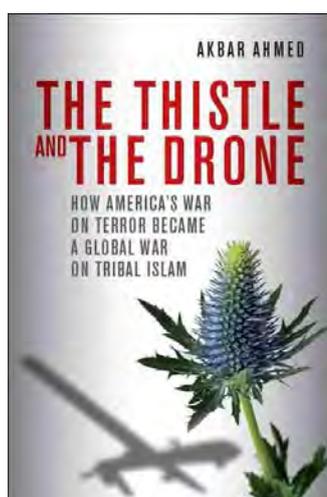
"Nicholas Meets Barrington" tells the story of a mid 20th century young life that blossoms into diplomacy at the tail end of Imperial Britain. Coming from a conventional middle class family, Nicholas Barrington made his mark as a diplomat in a series of postings ending as High Commissioner in Pakistan. In these fascinating memoirs, Barrington describes his childhood during World War II, his family background, his education at Repton School, his two years doing National Service in the army and his time at Cambridge where he earned a first in Law. Readers are introduced to a vast array of characters with whom a diplomat of Sir Nicholas's standing would have crossed paths. What emerges is an engaging account a colourful life with multi-faceted interests, including a love of art, antiques, poetry and amateur dramatics. The author explores the stresses of balancing a rich range of experiences with the demands of life in the foreign service with amusing stories which humanise the experiences of diplomacy and international politics. As befits a diplomat who describes himself as 'a classic dilettante', the story is told with frankness and wit.

Nicholas Meets Barrington | Publisher: I.B.Tauris & Co Ltd | ISBN: 9781780768007 | Publication Date: 18 Dec 2013 | Number of Pages: 336 | Hardback Price: £24.50



Nicholas Barrington began his dramatic diplomatic career with a post in Afghanistan at a time the country was barely known to the world's headline writers. The narrative of his 37 year career in the British Foreign Office is woven with compelling insights on the countries to which he was posted and which are focal points of international attention: Afghanistan, Iran, Egypt and Pakistan. Serving in Iran during the political storm of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, he had to navigate his way through the drama of a new political order, while his time in Cairo coincided with the assassination of President Sadat. In his rich and varied career, Barrington served as High Commissioner to Pakistan, a subject on which he writes authoritatively. Exploring the complex power relations between Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif and examining the multifaceted conflicts in Kashmir and Afghanistan, this book sheds an invaluable new light on the interaction between Islam, the West and British Foreign Policy in the 20th Century. With erudition and wit, these unique memoirs will prove essential reading for those seeking to understand the political tensions and international issues of the post-war world.

ENVOY A Diplomatic Journey | Publisher: I.B.Tauris & Co Ltd | ISBN: 9781780767994 | Publication Date: 18 Dec 2013 | Number of Pages: 480 | Hardback Price: £29.50



In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, the United States declared war on terrorism. More than ten years later, the results are decidedly mixed. Here world-renowned author, diplomat (former Pakistan High commissioner to UK), and scholar Akbar Ahmed reveals an important yet largely ignored result of this war: in many nations it has exacerbated the already broken relationship between central governments and the largely rural Muslim tribal societies on the peripheries of both Muslim and non-Muslim nations. The center and the periphery are engaged in a mutually destructive civil war across the globe, a conflict that has been intensified by the war on terror. In *The Thistle and the Drone*, the third volume in Ahmed's groundbreaking trilogy examining relations between America and the Muslim world, the author draws on forty case studies representing the global span of Islam to demonstrate how the U.S. has become involved directly or indirectly in each of these societies. The study provides the social and historical context necessary to understand how both central governments and tribal societies have become embroiled in America's war. Beginning with Waziristan and expanding to societies in Central Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, and elsewhere, Ahmed offers a fresh approach to the conflicts studied and presents an unprecedented

paradigm for understanding and winning the war on terror

The Thistle and The Drone | Publisher: Brookings Institution Press | ISBN-13: 978-0-8157-2378-3 | Publication Date: 14 May 2013 | Number of Pages: 400 | Price Hardback £22.99 Kindle edition £14.21

Recent Events

Tuesday, 23 April 2013

Annual General Meeting

This was the first AGM under the Chairmanship of **Sir William Blackburne** who welcomed everyone. **Emran Husain** stepped down as Treasurer after many years in this capacity. **Peter Gourd** was appointed as Treasurer. **Shama Husain** was re-elected as Secretary.

Sir William announced three amendments to the Constitution of the Society:-

This was added In **Article 14**: The election of a person to the office of **Assistant Deputy Chairman** shall be made on the recommendation of the Committee. The Committee shall not be obliged to make any recommendation to fill the office when it falls vacant but, if made, the recommendation shall be confined to a person who, in the opinion of the Committee, has given outstanding service to the Society'. **Emran Husain** was given the title of Assistant Deputy Chairman.

Two amendments were made in **Article 20** concerning notice to be given and a quorum established for an **AGM**. Thus Article 20 shall read 'There shall be an Annual General Meeting at which 15 persons shall be a quorum. The Committee shall give 14 days clear notice to members of an Annual General Meeting at which'. These changes were approved by a show of hands. After the conclusion of the formal business, **HE Mr Wajid Shamsul Hasan**, Hon. President of the Society updated the members on Pak-UK bilateral relations.

Wednesday, 24 April 2013

Storm Warning: Riding the Crosswinds in the Pakistan-Afghan Borderlands

Dr Robin Brooke-Smith gave an entertaining talk about his life as Principal of Edwardes College in Peshawar during the crucial years that led up to 9/11. He said he knew when he accepted the post at this famous college that he was heading for an adventure. From his unique position as a privileged insider with an outsider's perspective, he watched the growing influence of the Taliban and the changes that occurred in and around Peshawar. He spoke about his daily life in a difficult place at a volatile time and his personal dealings with people around him.

Monday, 29 April 2013

Governor State Bank of Pakistan

The Pakistan Society in collaboration with the Pakistani Bankers Association invited **Mr Yaseen Anwar**, Governor State Bank of Pakistan to speak to members and guests about the financial situation and the state of the economy in Pakistan. Mr Yaseen Anwar gave an upbeat assessment about where Pakistan was going and reassured the audience that the government was moving in the right direction. A lively question and answer session followed.

Thursday, 23 May 2013

A film about the Kalasha entitled the Last Infidels of Pakistan was shown to members. Prof Peter Meadows and Dr Azra Meadows came from Glasgow to introduce this film and discuss it with members afterwards. The film was made by a Swiss team that had followed the life of a Kalash girl over a year and made very interesting viewing.

Wednesday, 5 June 2013

60th Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner generously sponsored by United Bank UK and Habib Bank UK was held in the Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn. The Guest of Honour this year was The Rt. Hon. Baroness Warsi, Senior Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Minister for Faith and Communities at the Department for Communities and Local Government. The **Pakistan Society Award** was given jointly to **Professor Peter Meadows and Dr Azra Meadows** for their work promoting Pakistan here in the UK and working in many projects of conservation in Pakistan over the years.

Tuesday, 25 June 2013

Visit to Hyde Park Barracks

On June 25, through an introduction made by our former Chairman, General Anthony Palmer, Members of the Society were given a private tour of the stables at the Hyde Park Barracks. These are home to some 300 men – and almost as many horses – of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment (The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals). It is this regiment that provides the stunning ceremonial troops for all State and Royal occasions, from the State Opening of Parliament and annual Trooping of the Colour to Royal Weddings. Captain Rupert Hills was our superb guide. We began by watching the daily ritual of the inspection of the Queen's Life Guard when the mounted horsemen line up and each piece of kit is closely examined before they set off for their new tour of duty at Horse Guards Parade; and our visit ended by seeing the ceremonial dismounting of the old Guard when they returned. In between we saw the forge, the saddlery, the ceremonial full dress store, where the heavy and almost priceless gold-laden uniforms are kept, and the stables, or stalls, where the horses 'live'

when off-duty. Perhaps what made the deepest impression was the amount of sheer hard slog that goes into every detail to produce the glorious sight of immaculately turned-out troops, renowned the world over. We felt extremely fortunate to be allowed such a riveting, privileged and close-up view of what goes on behind the scenes.

Tuesday, 2 July 2013

An illustrated briefing about DFID's work in Sindh and Punjab

And a talk about the World Heritage site of Thatta and the heritage of Pakistan.

We had a fascinating evening with **Magnus Wolfe Murray** and Yasmin Lari who have worked together in Pakistan. Magnus joined DFID-Pakistan as Lead Advisor on shelter and water-sanitation [WASH] to help decide the most efficient and effective way to reach the most vulnerable people in the hardest-hit areas in the wake of the terrible floods of 2010. He described the damage inflicted by these natural disasters and how DFID has responded in Pakistan, how many people were reached and at what cost. **Yasmin Lari** the first Pakistani woman architect in Pakistan and author of several books, now the Director of the Heritage Foundation, spoke about 'Saving Makli' near Thatta in Sindh inscribed in UNESCO's World Heritage Sites List in 1981. Makli is a centuries old necropolis with over a million graves of rulers, princes, saints and beggars who were buried there from the 14th Century onwards. Yasmin and her husband Suhail Lari are co-authors of many books. *The Jewel of Sindh: Samma Tombs on the Makli Hill* gives details of the tombs found there.

Wednesday, 4 September 2013

Pakistan; Power and Politics

This Event was co-hosted by The Pakistan Society & SOAS Pakistan Society

Declan Walsh, a distinguished Irish journalist, has been living in Pakistan for ten years, reporting first as Pakistan/Afghanistan correspondent for the *Guardian* and, since 2011, as *The New York Times* Bureau Chief for Pakistan. Now based at the London bureau of the *New York Times*, he is still writing about Pakistan, hoping to return. Declan who is well known for his wide-ranging knowledge of the country spoke on a range of subjects including political situation, law and order and sectarian violence affecting ordinary Pakistanis.

Wednesday, 25th September 2013

Remembering Jinnah

Co-hosted by The High Commission for Pakistan and The Pakistan Society

This was a very informative evening. **Professor Ian Talbot** spoke about Jinnah, Pluralism and the Construction of Pakistan. **Dr. James Shera**, former Mayor of Rugby spoke about Jinnah's views on Minorities in Pakistan.

HE Wajid Shamsul Hasan, High Commissioner for Pakistan shared his personal insight about the Quaid.

Naveed Ahmed spoke about what Quaid-i-Azam vision means to young Pakistanis. There was a lively Q & A session after the meeting.

Wednesday, 23 October 2013

The Art of Extremes

Fariba Shirazi Thomson gave an illustrated talk on the widely-varying artistic traditions that shape the art of today in Pakistan. She explained the history and trends of Pakistan's visual culture through two of the most vibrant current art strands, which come from the extreme opposite ends of the spectrum: the reinterpretation of traditional, academic miniatures, and 'everyday' desi pop art. She concluded that a number of factors including politics and religion have all impacted on the recent production and distribution of visual art in Pakistan

Tuesday, 26 November 2013

From Kutch to Tashkent The Indo-Pakistan War of 1965

This Event was co-hosted by The Pakistan Society & SOAS Pakistan Society

Dr James Caron, Chair for the Centre of Pakistan Study at SOAS introduced **Farooq Bajwa** as a specialist on the history of Pakistan as well as a prominent lawyer in London. Farooq began his talk with a summary of the resentments and antagonisms that led to the three weeks of brutal military combat and examined the politics, diplomacy and military manoeuvres that went on behind the scenes. Then he presented an analysis of the struggle and gave a multifaceted overview of what happened, why, and the consequences on Indo-Pak relations that have ricocheted down the years.

Forthcoming Events

Friday, 17 January 2014

The Western withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014: the consequences for Pakistan, Afghanistan and the wider region

Ahmed Rashid one of the best-known writers and commentators on Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia, will speak on this critically important subject. His unparalleled knowledge of this complex region, and his deep insights into the issues involved, mean that his views will be as riveting as they are perspicacious.

This event is co-hosted by the The Pakistan Society and SOAS Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy. Chaired by Sir William Blackburne & Dr Rahul Rao

Time: 6pm

Venue: SOAS, University of London, Khalili Lecture Theatre, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG.

Admission: This event is open to Members of The Pakistan Society and their guests.

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Wednesday, 26 February 2014

A Diplomatic Journey

Sir Nicholas Barrington will talk about his two recently published books *Envoy: A Diplomatic Journey* and *Nicholas meets Barrington: The Personal Journey of a former Diplomat*. During 27 years in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, he served in Iran, Afghanistan, Tokyo, Vietnam, Egypt, USA and Pakistan. Sir Nicholas retired in 1994 and has been working on voluntary basis for a number of educational and cultural charities especially those linking Britain and Asia and Christianity and Islam.

Time: 6pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 8JN.

Admission: This event is open to Members of The Pakistan Society and their guests.

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Thursday, 27 March 2014

Tiles of Pakistan

Dr Nasreen Askari will talk about design history and traditions. She is Curator and Director of the Mohatta Palace Museum in Karachi. She is the co-author of the book *Tale of the Tile: The Ceramic Traditions of Pakistan*

Time: 6pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 8JN.

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Wednesday, 2 April 2014

Annual General Meeting

Time: 6pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 8JN.

Admission: This event is open to Members of The Pakistan Society and their guests.

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Other Events



Pakistan Fashion Awards

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