



# The Pakistan Society

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## Newsletter – October 2014

### Message from the Chairman Sir William Blackburne



"The eagerly-awaited arrival in the UK of the new High Commissioner, HE Syed Ibne Abbas, and the exciting news of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Malala Yousafzai are well timed: the appearance of this newsletter provides the perfect opportunity to convey the Society's unqualified welcome to both of these important events.

We in The Pakistan Society welcome the High Commissioner as our Honorary President and look forward to a continuation of the close and fruitful co-operation which has marked the relationship of the Society with the High Commission over the more than 60 years of the Society's existence. I am confident that the new High Commissioner will derive much much professional fulfilment in his new posting and, with Begum Abbas and their family, will find London a friendly and absorbing place in which to make their home. We shall certainly do all we can to make them feel welcome. In wishing the new arrivals well we also thank Mr Imran Mirza for the exemplary manner in which he has acted as charge d'affaires while awaiting the new appointment.

The bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize upon Malala prompts two immediate thoughts. First, unqualified delight that this most prestigious of awards recognises the signal courage that Malala has displayed, in defiance of those who seek to turn the clock back to some imaginary and less enlightened age, in campaigning for the entitlement of all children, and girls in particular, to be properly educated. It gives explicit recognition to the right of females to strive for personal fulfilment without discrimination on the grounds of gender or social status. Second, a sense of pride that it is from Pakistan, so often maligned in the world's news media, that the person comes who is leading this campaign. Awarding the prize jointly with Kailash Satyarthi reminds us that the problems of a misconceived medievalism are by no means the preserve of the Muslim world and that the lands east of the Indus suffer too and must struggle against evils every bit as malign as those which Malala seeks to combat. The Society salutes and congratulates the exceptional teenager from Swat."

### Malala Yousafzai Awarded the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize



Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Thorbjorn Jagland, announced at The Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo on Friday, Oct 10, 2014, that the Nobel Peace Prize 2014, is awarded jointly to Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi for risking their lives to fight for children's rights.

Malala, 17, was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman two years ago in Pakistan for insisting that girls also have the right to an education. Kailash, 60, has been at the forefront of a global movement to end child slavery and exploitative child labour.

Malala is the second Nobel Prize winner from Pakistan after Prof Abdus Salam NI SPk KBE, the forty-seventh woman to win the Nobel Prize, and the youngest winner of a Nobel Prize in any field. **Congratulations Malala and kailash!**

#### The Nobel Prize "For benefit to mankind"



The Nobel Peace Prize will be presented on 10th December 2014 in the Oslo City Hall by the Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee in the presence of the King of Norway. The Nobel Prize amount for 2014 is set at Swedish kronor (SEK) 8.0 million (\$1.25M).

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**Next Event: Talk by Dr Rossie Llewellyn-Jones At 6pm on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at High Commission for Pakistan, London SW1X 8JN**

## 2014 Nobel Peace Prize



High Commissioner for Pakistan to the UK, HE Syed Ibne Abbas presenting flowers to Malala on behalf of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan on her award of the Nobel Peace Prize in Birmingham on 10 October 2014. Malala's father Ziauddin Yousafzai and Consul General Shair Bhadr Khan are also present..



### Tweets

- BritishMonarchy** @BritishMonarchy · 9 hrs  
Warm congratulations to **Malala Yousafzai** & Kailash Satyarthi for winning the [#NobelPeacePrize](#)
- United Nations** @UN · 10 hrs  
Ban Ki-moon on [#nobelprize2014](#): **Malala Yousafzai** & Kailash Satyarthi are 2 of world's greatest champions for children [bit.ly/1o3cB50](#)
- Boris Becker** @TheBorisBecker · 4h  
**Congratulations #malala #peacenobelprize #17** [instagram.com/p/uAXiFE7J/](#)  
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- Gordon & Sarah Brown** @OfficeGSBrown · 12 hrs  
Statement from Gordon Brown on **Malala Yousafzai** and Kailash Satyarthi Nobel Peace Prize win [tinyurl.com/q77zzew](#) [#nobelprize2014](#)
- Bill Clinton** @billclinton · 16m  
Thank you **Malala Yousafzai** & Kailash Satyarthi for inspiring the world with your courageous work on behalf of children. **Congratulations.**
- The First Lady** @FLOTUS · 4 hrs  
So proud of [#NobelPeacePrize](#) winners **Malala Yousafzai** and Kailash Satyarthi. You're heroes to me and millions around the world. -m
- mia farrow** @MiaFarrow · Oct 10  
Today the astounding **Malala Yousafzai** became the youngest ever **Nobel** Prize recipient Wonderful!!!!!!
- Jamie Oliver** @jamieoliver · 1m  
Wow The 2014 **Nobel** Peace Prize Winner **Malala Yousafzai** The youngest winner ever at 17 years... [instagram.com/p/uAoxQMK22B/](#)
- Reese Witherspoon** @RWWitherspoon · 4h  
A huge heartfelt **congrats** to [#Malala](#) on winning the [#NobelPeacePrize](#) today!!! At 17 years old, you awe... [instagram.com/p/t-xqGvihbQ/](#)
- Melinda Gates** @melindagates · 7h  
**Malala** has the courage and conviction to stand up for herself and for girls around the world. A well-deserved honor. [gates.ly/1D0XhZK](#)
- Richard Branson** @richardbranson · 12h  
Congrats to Nobel Peace Laureates [@MalalaFund](#) and Kailash Satyarthi, champions of children's rights and dignity [nytimes.com/2014/10/11/wor...](#)
- Barack Obama** @BarackObama · 20s  
"Today, we honor **Malala** and Kailash's achievements." —President Obama on the Nobel Peace Prize announcement  
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Kristian Berg Harpviken, head of the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, described the joint award "an innovative prize that brings attention to the problems of the young".

### Malala Yousafzai has been awarded the following national and international honours:

- 2011 International Children's Peace Prize (nominee).
- 2011 National Youth Peace Prize.
- 2012 Sitara-e-Shujaat, Pakistan's third-highest civilian bravery award.
- 2012 Foreign Policy magazine top 100 global thinker.
- 2012 Time magazine Person of the Year shortlist.
- 2012 Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice.
- 2012 Rome Prize for Peace and Humanitarian Action.
- 2013 Top Name of 2012 in Annual Survey of Global English.
- 2013 Simone de Beauvoir Prize.
- 2013 Memminger Freiheitspreis 1525 Award.
- 2013 Doughty Street Advocacy award of Index on Censorship.
- 2013 Fred and Anne Jarvis Award of the UK National Union of Teachers.
- 2013 Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards, Global Trailblazer.
- 2013 One of *Time's* "100 Most Influential People In The World".
- 2013 Premi Internacional Catalunya Award of Catalonia.
- 2013 Annual Award for Development of the OPEC Fund for International Development.
- 2013 International Campaigner of the Year - Observer Ethical Awards.
- 2012 Tipperary International Peace Award - Ireland Tipperary Peace Convention.
- 2013 International Children's Peace Prize – KidsRights.
- 2013 Portrait of Yousafzai by Jonathan Yeo displayed at National Portrait Gallery, London.
- 2013 Ambassador of Conscience Award - Amnesty International.
- 2013 Clinton Global Citizen - Clinton Foundation.
- 2013 Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award - Harvard Foundation Harvard University.
- 2013 Anna Politkovskaya Award – Reach All Women In War.
- 2013 Reflections of Hope Award – Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.
- 2013 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought – European Parliament.
- 2013 Honorary Master of Arts degree - University of Edinburgh.
- 2013 Pride of Britain.
- 2013 Glamour magazine Woman of the Year.
- 2013 GG2 Hammer Award at GG2 Leadership Awards.
- 2013 International Prize for Equality and Non-Discrimination.
- 2014 Nominee for World Children's Prize.
- 2014 Skoll Global Treasure Award.
- 2014 Honorary Doctor of Civil Law - University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 2014 Nobel Peace Prize, shared with Kailash Satyarthi.
- 2014 US Liberty Medal – The US National Constitution Centre.

## New High Commissioner for Pakistan to the United Kingdom



### HE Syed Ibne Abbas and Mrs Sadaf Abbas

HE Syed Ibne Abbas assumed charge on 4th October 2014.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1983. His last posting was as Additional Secretary Administration in Islamabad.

He served as Deputy Secretary in Prime Minister's Secretariat during the term of Benazir Bhutto, Malik Meraj Khalid and Nawaz Sharif. He has also been posted to Wellington as high Commissioner, Los Angeles as Consul General and New Delhi as deputy High Commissioner.

Syed Ibne Abbas represented Pakistan and led delegations on several occasions on bilateral and multilateral fora. He attended the 1997 and 2006 UN General Assembly sessions as a Pakistan delegate. He represented Pakistan at the Conference on Disarmament and attended meetings of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), and Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).

On his first day in the High Commission in London, His Excellency sent the following message to the British-Pakistani community:

"It will be my earnest endeavour to unite the community for all our national causes. I also wish to assure you that the High Commission and four Consulates' General will re-double their efforts to serve the British-Pakistani community members with renewed zeal and vigour "Insha Allah".

### Curriculum vitae

#### Personal details:

Name: Syed Ibne Abbas  
Married to: Sadaf Ibne Abbas  
Children: Three Sons

Period	Post
2013 – present	MOFA, Additional Secretary Administration
2010 – 2013	Wellington, High Commissioner
2006 – 2010	Los Angeles, Consul General
2004 – 2006	MOFA, Director General South Asia
2001 – 2004	New Delhi, Deputy High Commissioner
1998 – 2001	Canberra,
1995 – 1997	Prime Minister's Secretariat, Deputy Secretary
1992 – 1994	Geneva,
1989 – 1992	Berne,
1983	Joined Foreign Service of Pakistan



HE Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan High Commissioner for UK interacting with the British Pakistani media at the High Commission for Pakistan London on 21-10-2014



**Acting High Commissioner Mohammad Imran Mirza led the Pakistan delegation to the NATO Summit 2014. The two-day conference was held at the Celtic Manor Resort near the city of Newport in Wales, United Kingdom on 4-5 September 2014.**

This was the first NATO summit since Chicago in 2012, and the first NATO summit in the United Kingdom since Margaret Thatcher welcomed NATO leaders to London in 1990.

World leaders and senior ministers from around 60 countries attended including President Obama, Prime Minister David Cameron, Chancellor Merkel, President Hollande, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, President Tayyip Erdogan, King Abdullah of Jordan and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

The summit was held as NATO draws down from its longest ever mission in Afghanistan and against a backdrop of instability in Ukraine. It was an opportunity to ensure that NATO continues to be at the forefront of building stability in an unpredictable world.

During working sessions at the Celtic Manor and more informal events in Cardiff, world leaders addressed issues which threaten NATO countries' national security, from fragile states to piracy, from terrorism to cyber attacks.

As a strong player in NATO over the last 65 years, the UK continues to provide forces for NATO operations around the world today. Beyond Afghanistan, there are British service personnel serving in the Baltic Air Police mission and on counter-piracy operations.

Addressing the main session on Afghanistan, Mr Mirza said that Pakistan and NATO shared common objectives of promoting global peace and were partners in the international coalition against terrorism. He commended NATO's sustained engagement with Afghanistan and termed peace, stability and deepening of democracy in Afghanistan of vital interest to Pakistan. The Acting High Commissioner said that the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was committed to the policy of peaceful neighbourhood and attainment of socio-economic progress, and hoped for a similar reciprocity from neighbours including Afghanistan.

Mr Imran Mirza also attended the reception hosted by HRH Prince of Wales for the world leaders attending the Summit and the dinner hosted by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg in honour of the Heads of Delegations.

### NATO-Pakistan Relations

Over recent years, NATO has developed relations with a range of countries beyond the Euro-Atlantic area. Pakistan is counted among these countries, which are referred to as "partners across the globe." NATO's relations with the country have developed progressively since the Alliance assisted Pakistan following the devastating earthquake in 2005. Political dialogue and practical cooperation have since expanded significantly, in particular on Afghanistan. Allied nations and Pakistan share a common interest in stability in the region and in defeating extremism..

With NATO leading the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghanistan is an important focus of cooperation, especially regarding the shared objective of bringing security and stability to the country. Several high-level political talks between NATO and Pakistan have also addressed other areas of concern, including narcotics trafficking in Afghanistan and Afghan refugees. Allied leaders at the May 2012 NATO Summit in Chicago reaffirmed that "countries in the region, particularly Pakistan, have important roles in ensuring enduring peace, stability and security in Afghanistan and in facilitating the completion of the transition process."

NATO-Pakistan relations go beyond the Alliance's mission in Afghanistan. NATO and Pakistan have developed regular exchanges at various levels, including visits by senior officials and leaders in civil society. High-level political exchanges have taken place, including visits by the former and current NATO Secretary General. Military consultations also take place, and NATO has opened selected training and education courses to Pakistani officers.

## British-Pakistani Appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador



Mr Moazzam Malik has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and non-resident Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste. He succeeds Mr Mark Canning CMG who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Mr Malik will take up his appointment in October 2014.

Prior to joining the FCO in 2014, Mr Malik held a number of senior positions at the Department for International Development. Most recently he led the UK's support in Western Asia and the Middle East, working closely with colleagues across the UK Government and international partners including the UN, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and IMF. He has been closely involved in the region, including responding to the 2004 tsunami and 2008 cyclone in Burma. He served as Principal Private Secretary to two Secretaries of State, including during the G8 Gleneagles Summit. An economist by background, Mr Malik has also worked in the academic, private and not for profit sectors.

## Pakistan Becomes the First Associate CERN Member from Asia



The General Council of European Center of Nuclear Research (CERN) in its meeting held on 19 June 2014 accepted Pakistan's application for Associate Membership of CERN. The Centre is one of the world's leading scientific organizations conducting research on high energy particle physics since 1954. Pakistan is the first Asian country to become an Associate Member of the Organization. The only two other Associate Members of CERN are Turkey and Serbia.

Pakistan had formally applied for Associate Membership in February 2013. In October 2013, the CERN Council had responded favourably to Pakistan's Associate Membership and as a first step had sent a Task Force of experts to visit Pakistan earlier this year to scrutinize the application in greater detail. The team had favourably supported Pakistan's credentials for Associate Membership.

Pakistan has a two decade long history of collaboration with CERN that began with the signing of a Cooperation Agreement in 1994. Since then, Pakistan has carried out a number of successful projects for CERN involving a variety of technical disciplines with sophisticated technologies and precision engineering science including the manufacture of various equipment and components for CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and associated experiments. Numerous Pakistani scientists, engineers and technicians have undertaken research opportunities at CERN and are contributing interalia to the repair, maintenance and upgrade of the LHC.

With the new status of Associate Member of CERN, Pakistan looks forward to benefiting from and contributing more intensively to the increasingly innovative and challenging initiatives in science and technology. Deeper involvement with CERN will bring long term benefits to the people of Pakistan and contribute to the country's socio-economic development in line with the priorities of the government. Pakistan's Associate Membership of CERN is recognition of our scientists working in various sectors related to civilian uses of nuclear technology. It is an acknowledgement that Pakistan is a responsible nuclear State with strong credentials in using civil nuclear technology for peaceful purposes including in the areas of power generation, agriculture and medicine

## HM the Queen Recognises Pakistan UK AID Staff for Outstanding Service



On 9 October, on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, the British High Commissioner, HE Philip Barton CMG OBE presented Honorary MBE awards to Mr Asghar Ali and Mrs Tahira Roshani in recognition of their work for the UK's Department for International Development in Pakistan

MBE is a prestigious honour awarded to individuals for significant achievements or exceptional service, which stands out as an example to others.

## The Pakistan Society 61st Annual Dinner June 2014



The Sixty-first Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn, London on 4th June 2014. The acting High Commissioner for Pakistan to the UK, Mr Mohammad Imran Mirza, presided and the Rt. Hon. Justine Greening MP, secretary of State for International Development was the Guest of Honour.

The Pakistan Society 2014 Award was presented to Sir Anwar Pervez OBE, H Pk, Chairman Bestway Group. Citation was read by Sir Nicholas Barrington KCMG CVO, former British High Commissioner to Pakistan and a Senior Honorary Vice President of the Society. The Society's Chairman Sir William Blackburne thanked the annual dinner corporate sponsors United Bank UK and Habib Bank UK for their generous and continuous support.

### The Pakistan society Award Citation

This is the 10th anniversary of the Pakistan Society's annual awards. For the first time the society is honouring an outstanding individual from the business world.

Sir Anwar Pervez, Chairman of the Bestway Group was born in 1935 in Gujar Khan, a busy town on the Grand trunk Road in the Punjab, between Rawalpindi and Lahore, where he was educated in local schools. He came to England with few resources in 1956, and, tradition has it, though this part of his life is not documented, he started as a bus conductor in Bradford before moving into retail. He worked so hard that he was able to start a number of grocer's shops in the west part of London.

Someone once said that Pakistanis never play football because if they get a corner they start to build a shop on it! But these independent traders, many from the subcontinent, provide, as we know, a valuable service to lots of people.

Sir Anwar's enterprise was to help many of these small shops survive in the 1970s and 1980s, because as well as ploughing profits back into his

business, he was a man of ideas. Disillusioned with the prevailing system in which wholesalers squeezed small retailers, sometimes out of business in competition with supermarkets, by taking large margins, Anwar Pervez worked out that with the low margins he could still operate profitably while providing a better service: clean, helpful and available over long hours. In 1976 he entered the wholesale market with the first Bestway warehouse near Acton, followed by two more round London and eventually by his flagship at Park Royal, which became the largest Cash and Carry warehouse in Europe. He bought up companies in other parts of the country so that Bestway is now the second largest wholesale grocer in the UK.

"Bestway" was a brilliant choice of name! Now there are own-products under the label "Best-in", advisory and merchandising services "Best-one", distribution "Best-direct" and event "Best Pets"! You can see that Sir Anwar is definitely the Best!

His group is the largest Asian-owned business in the UK, and the 7th largest family-owned business in the whole country.

## The Pakistan Society Award Citation (Cont.)

None of this success turned the head of Sir Anwar, who has always been modest and unassuming. He may feature in the Sunday Times Rich List but he is no “celebrity” figure seeking media attention, nor is addicted to high-living (except once a year at Ascot, which is mainly for charity!). His principles of integrity and social responsibility have been adopted by his family and senior staff, including companions since his childhood to whom he has remained loyal, and they to him (some also in the Rich List!). Most of the decisions are now in the safe hands of his nephew, the Chief Executive, Mr Zameer Chowdrey, who is also here tonight, we are glad to see.

In the mid 1980s, as I was retiring from my post in Islamabad, Sir Anwar was embarking on new challenges. He told me that he felt that he should do something for his own country of birth. He has spotted the need for more cement plants IN Pakistan and was prepared to invest. His first plant started operating in Hazara country in 1998. It is no secret that he found it very difficult to cope with business practices in Pakistan, to which he was not accustomed, including, let us say, the unreliability of promises by the government and other authorities. But he persevered, keeping clear of local politics. Now Bestway’s four cement plants not only provide essential material for Pakistan, but export considerable quantities to Afghanistan and India. They have awards for being environmentally conscious and energy-efficient.

In 2002 the Bestway Group invested in Pakistan’s fourth biggest bank, United Bank, which was being privatised, acquiring majority holding in 2011. The bank has high reputation, promoting a range of innovative banking. It has 1200 branches in Pakistan and provides employment to 16,000 people globally.

These developments make the Bestway Group the largest overseas investor in Pakistan. Their activities raise Britain’s reputation in Pakistan as well as Pakistan’s reputation in Britain.

The goodwill is enhanced by the charitable work of the Bestway Foundation, first in the UK and later also in Pakistan, in which Sir Anwar takes a close interest. Each year the group contributes about 2.5% of its profits to the Foundation for a wide range of charitable activities, particularly concerned with education and health. For instance it funds scholarships, help for schools and universities, and research, in both countries. Among many good causes Sir Anwar supports the Prince’s Trust and the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, cricket at the Oval and even Age Concern (could be useful to some of us!). I know that Sir Anwar has been especially keen to help building schools in his own part of the Punjab, though getting teachers from the provincial government has not been easy.

Sir Anwar Pervez was awarded OBE in 1992 and was knighted in 1999. He was awarded the Hilal-e-Pakistan by the Pakistan government in 2000.

Sir Anwar’s inspiring life-story, his great achievements through the companies that he founded, his modesty and integrity and the high principles that have guided the career, make him one of the most remarkable men in British public life.

The Pakistan Society are proud to have Sir Anwar as one of their Honorary Vice-Presidents. His life work has greatly increased the respect for and understanding of Pakistan in the United Kingdom. After his first 50 years of business he is a most worthy recipient of the Society’s Award for 2014.

### Sir Nicholas Barrington



Pakistan Independence Day, London, August, 14 2014



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## News in Pictures



Chairman FBR, Tariq Bajwa and Head of DFID, Pakistan, Richard Montgomery signing an MoU on Cooperation between FBR and HMRC in Islamabad on September 18, 2014



Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to the United Kingdom called on President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on September 05, 2014.



From left to right) Stuart Andrew, Karen Lumley, Andrew Stephenson, Pakistan High Commissioner Syed Ibne Abbas, Eric Ollerenshaw, Rehman Chishti, and Richard Fuller after the All-Party Parliamentary Group meeting at the House of Commons on 17-10-2014



British Deputy Prime Minister Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP and Acting High Commissioner Mohammad Imran Mirza during the integration dinner organized by World Congress of Overseas Pakistanis (WCOP) in London on 30 September 2014



Chairman Senate Syed Nayer Hussain exchanging views with the Lord Mayor of Stoke on Trent in Islamabad on 23-09-2014



Acting High Commissioner of Pakistan to UK Mr Imran Mirza (centre) with position holder students from Pakistan at Pakistan High Commission London on June 24, 2014



Speaker of the House Of Commons RT Hon John Bercow MP shaking hand Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at the House of Commons in London on July 8, 2014



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**Civil Awards**

On the occasion of Pakistan Independence Day, 14th August, 2014, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan conferred the following Civil Awards on British-Pakistani citizens. The investiture ceremony will take place on Pakistan Day, 23rd March, 2015:

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR PRIDE OF PERFORMANCE**

Mr Amir Iqbal Khan for Sports (Boxing)



**SITARA-I-QUAID-I-AZAM**

Mr Sajjad Haider Karim MEP for Services to Pakistan



**Recent Events**

**Wednesday, 21 May 2014**

**The Resourceful Fakirs: Three Muslim brothers at the Sikh Court of Lahore**

In a fascinating, illustrated talk, Fakir Syed Ajazuddin, who is described by William Dalrymple as "one of Pakistan's most interesting historians and biographers", traced the story of the Punjab when it was ruled by the infamous Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Ajazuddin based his narrative on the memoirs and accounts of three of his direct ancestors, Muslim brothers, who were among the Sikh Maharaja's closest, most influential courtiers.

**Wednesday, 4 June 2014**

**61st Annual Dinner**

The 61st Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. The Guest of Honour was the Rt. Hon. Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for International Development. The dinner was well attended by members, their friends and other VIP guests. The Pakistan Society's annual award was presented to an outstanding individual from the business world Sir Anwar Pervez OBE, H Pk, Chairman Bestway Group and one of Society's Honorary Vice Presidents.

**Wednesday, 30 July 2014**

**A visit to the Headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Service, New Scotland Yard**

Commander Mak Chishty of the Metropolitan Police arranged for the Society to go behind the scenes at New Scotland Yard. Chief Inspector Sultan Taylor introduced us to the work of the Met, giving us an overview of policies and procedures. Sayed Baharun then spoke to us about how the Met goes about recruiting and training Muslim officers. PC Rebecca Robinson talked to us about the day-to day life of a police officer, and demonstrated the equipment that she carries with her when she is out on the streets. We were able to ask any number of questions, and were also given an excellent lunch.

**Wednesday, 17 September 2014**

### **Why Kashmir is Still Important**

Victoria Schofield, one of the best-known writers on Pakistan, spoke to us about the continued importance of trying to settle the 65-year old dispute between India and Pakistan over the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. She explained how the dispute arose and has evolved and stressed the benefits that would come from permanent resolution, particularly on a humanitarian level but also in terms of trade and, crucially, so that both countries can move forward in more positive ways. She warned of the dangers of a continuing flashpoint which a non-state actor or actors could use to de-stabilise not only the state but the entire region.

## **Forthcoming Events**

**Wednesday, 29 October 2014**

### **Lucknow: 1857 and its aftermath**

**Dr Rosie Llewellyn-Jones**

Lucknow was the capital of the Muslim state of Awadh in 1857, and the rebellion – and its infamous siege – is not only pivotal to ‘the Great Uprising’, ‘The First War of Independence’, or ‘The Mutiny’, but also integral to understanding the history of the whole sub-continent.

Dr Rosie Llewellyn-Jones will give an illustrated talk on these momentous, fateful and fatal events. She will describe the period leading up to 1857, a time when Lucknow was recognized as North India's cultural capital, and was ruled over by Wajid Ali Shah, known for his patronage of the arts as well as his extravagant lifestyle. She will outline the rebellion and the key role played by Begam Hazrat Mahal, one of Wajid Ali Shah's many wives, and will go on to explain the far-reaching consequences as India came under the direct rule of Britain. The evening will begin with a short film about Wajid Ali Shah, made by Dr Farooq and Mrs Huma Beg, which superbly sets the scene.

Dr Rosie Llewellyn-Jones, who originally graduated from SOAS in Urdu, is an acclaimed historian of the colonial history of the Indian sub-continent. William Dalrymple refers to her as ‘the greatest living authority on Nawabi Lucknow’. Her many books include *The Great Uprising in India 1857-8*, *Portraits of Princely India 1700-1900*, *The Nawabs, the British and the City of Lucknow* and, most recently *The Last King of India*, a biography of Wajid Ali Shah. She lectures widely in Britain and the USA. Her particular interest is in the political interaction between the British and their Indian subjects. She is also Secretary to the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia and editor of its journal *Chowkidar*.

**Time:** 6 for 6.30 pm

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

**Admission:** This event is open to **Members** of The Pakistan Society **only**.

**RSVP Please let us know whether you will be attending for security and catering purposes**

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**Wednesday, 19 November 2014**

### **Pakistan Cricket and the Birth of a Nation**

**Peter Osborne**

The nation of Pakistan and its cricket team evolved together in the chaotic aftermath of Partition in 1947. Initially unrecognised, underfunded and weak, as the team grew to become a major force in world cricket, so it helped to define Pakistan's status in the world. More recently it has been threatened by the same problems that affect the country itself: fallout from the ‘war on terror’, sectarian violence, corruption and shortage of effective leaders. In telling the story of Pakistan cricket – with its triumphs and tragedies, its heroes and scoundrels, Peter Osborne always places it in its cultural and political context. As he says, cricket ‘is part of Pakistan's history and also of its future.’ And despite all its present troubles, he remains optimistic for, as he says, ‘Nothing else expresses half so well the singularity, the genius, the occasional madness of the people of Pakistan and their contribution to the world sporting community.’

His love and encyclopaedic knowledge of the game and his abiding interest in the country, combined with his incisive mind and his skills as a raconteur will make this a compelling evening not just for cricket-lovers, but also for anyone wanting a better understanding of Pakistan. As well as being particularly interested in Pakistan, and cricket, Peter Osborne is the chief political commentator of the *Daily Telegraph*, reports for Channel 4's *Dispatches* and *Unreported World* and is a regular on BBC programmes *Any Questions* and *Question Time*, and was voted Columnist of the Year at the Press Awards in 2013. He has written a number of books identifying the power structures that lurk behind political discourse, including *The Rise of Political Lying* and *The Triumph*

of the Political Class. He is the author of *Basil D'Oliveira: Cricket and Conspiracy: The Untold Story* and, most recently, *Wounded Tiger: The History of Cricket in Pakistan*, which has been universally praised for its exhaustive research and its sensitivity, and also for its absorbing narrative and penetrating insights.

**Time:** 6 for 6.30 p.m.

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

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

**RSVP Please let us know whether you will be attending for security and catering purposes** email: info@thepakistansociety.org.uk or mobile: 07427 500 377

## Wednesday, 26 November 2014

### **Afghanistan after 2014: A Pakistani Perspective**

#### **Lt. Gen. (R) Asad Durrani**

General Durrani's distinguished military career and his subsequent writing, lectures and involvement in forums at the highest level on this subject, makes it eminently clear that he is superbly qualified to speak on this critically important issue. He will just have returned from speaking at an international conference, at The Ditchley Foundation, on *Post-NATO Afghanistan: neighbours and friends*.

General Durrani will set the scene, summing up the present situation, and then outline the most imperative problems now facing Afghanistan. He will address such pivotal questions as: how Afghanistan can even begin to finance itself or provide the vital security that is so badly needed; how will it retain any of the benefits – such as the institutions, the access to modern technology, and external interest – that the allies brought with them; will the Taliban enjoy the same freedom of manoeuvre as they did; will Pakistan suffer the most from the turmoil that will result from the withdrawal of allied forces, or has it mended enough fences and forged good enough relations with the Afghan factions.

Lt Gen (Retd) Asad Durrani served in the Pakistan Army from 1959 to 1993; he is thus a veteran of the two wars, in 1965 and 1971, against India. During his military career he was an instructor at the Military Academy and the Command and Staff College; more prominently, he headed the Military Intelligence (MI) and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). His last two assignments were as Inspector General of Training and Evaluation at the GHQ and as Commandant of the National Defence College (now a University). He is a graduate of the German General Staff Academy, was later the Defence Attaché in Germany and, following retirement from the Army, was Pakistan's Ambassador to Germany from 1994 to '97, and then to Saudi Arabia from 2000 to '02. This event will be co-chaired by Professor Theo Farrell, Head of the Department of War Studies, Kings College London, and Sir William Blackburne, Chairman of the Pakistan Society.

**Time:** 6–8pm

**Venue:** The War Studies Meeting Room, Department of War Studies, Kings College London, The Strand, WC2R 2LS.

**NB: Places are limited. Seats cannot be reserved for public talks. Therefore, it is on a first-come first-serve basis. Each attendee is advised to RSVP directly**

**Here is the link with the details of the talk as advertised by King's College**

**London: <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/events/eventsrecords/durrani.aspx>. On this page you will find a registration URL through which members can RSVP to this event.**

## Other Events



### **All Party Parliamentary Group on Third World Solidarity**

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#### **“Human Rights in Kashmir”**

Monday 27th October 2014 at 7.30pm

At

Wilson room, Portcullis House, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Chairman Dave Anderson MP

Speaker:

Lord Hussain of Luton, Khalid Mahmood MP, H.E. Syed Ibne Abbas, High Commissioner for Pakistan to the UK, Ms. Sandra Satterlee, Chairwoman, CEC, TWS and Raja Najabat Hussain, Chairman, JKSDME

(Above Westminster tube station, allow 15 minutes for security, Refreshments at 7.00pm in Room “T”)

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## Symmetry in Sculpture: New exhibition by British Pakistani artist Zarah Hussain in Birmingham

An exhibition of new work by Zarah Hussain, is on display at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, supported by investment from the National Lottery through Arts Council England's Grants for the arts scheme. 'Symmetry in Sculpture', presents audiences with a series of intriguing three dimensional wall mounted sculptures inspired by the intricate patterns which emerge from the repetition of simple shapes found in Islamic art.

Rebecca Bridgman, Curator of Islamic & South Asian Art, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, said: "We are incredibly pleased to be showing these amazing new works by Zarah. There is some extraordinary contemporary art emerging from British artists inspired by the artistic traditions of the Islamic World, and we are pleased to be able to present this alongside Birmingham's own collection".

**Dates:** On display until Saturday 2 November 2014.

**Time:** Monday – Thursday and Weekend 10 am to 5 pm. Friday 10.30 am to 5 pm.

**Venue:** Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH



## Tariq Ali in conversation with Penny Wroot

Penny Wroot and Tariq Ali discuss the 'Islam Quintet' - his acclaimed series of five novels addressing the long history of the clash of Islam and the West. Together the novels form an epic panorama that begins in fifteenth-century Moorish Spain and closes in the twenty-first century cities of Lahore, London, Paris and Beijing.

Tariq Ali is a writer and filmmaker. He was born in Lahore and was educated in Pakistan and at Oxford. At Oxford he became involved in student politics, in particular with the movement against the Vietnam War and, after graduating, he led the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign. In the 1980s he owned an independent television company, Bandung, which produced programmes for Channel 4. He is a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio and writes articles for magazines and newspapers including *The Guardian* and *The London Review of Books*. He is editorial director of the London publishers, Verso, and is an editor of the *New Left Review*. He has written many books and his fiction includes five historical novels about Islam which together are known as 'The Islam Quintet'. His non-fiction includes such books as *1968: Marching in the Streets* (1998) and *The Clash of Fundamentalisms* (2002). His latest book is *The Obama Syndrome* (2010). Penny Wroot is an arts events and media producer, journalist and scriptwriter.

**Date:** Friday, 14 November 2014

**Time:** 7 pm **Venue:** Idea Store Whitechapel, 321 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BU

**Tickets:** <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tariq-ali-in-conversation-with-penny-wroot-tickets>



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## Centre for the Studies of Pakistan

### Sharia and blasphemy law in Pakistan: a lawyer's perspective Naeem Shakir

This seminar paper focuses on the history of the blasphemy law in Pakistan, and on the authors experience as a defence Counsel for individuals accused of blasphemy. Practiced law in High Court for more than four decades in fields of civil, criminal, revenue at the trial and appellate level and especially served as an Attorney in writ jurisdiction under constitutional law.

**Type of Event:** Seminar

**Date:** 27 Nov 2014 **Time:** 5.30 – 7 pm.

**Venue:** SOAS, Russell Square, College Buildings Room GS1

**Contact email:** [centres@soas.ac.uk](mailto:centres@soas.ac.uk) **Tel:** 020 7898 4893



## Pakistan Fashion Week, London 10-11 January 2014

Six previous seasons of catwalk shows have given Pakistan Fashion Week London a reputation and track record of excellence across the Pakistani community worldwide.

From New York to Oslo, Paris to Islamabad, Riwayat has painted a new face for Pakistan to the watching world. This coming January gives you the opportunity to see the magic for yourself as PFW7 returns to central London.

**Saturday:** 6pm – Grand Opening Catwalk Show **Sunday:** 3pm – Matinee Catwalk Show. 6pm – Finale

**Venue:** The Russell Hotel, 1-8 Russell Square, London WC1B 5BE

**Website:** [www.pakistanfashionweek.co.uk](http://www.pakistanfashionweek.co.uk)

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