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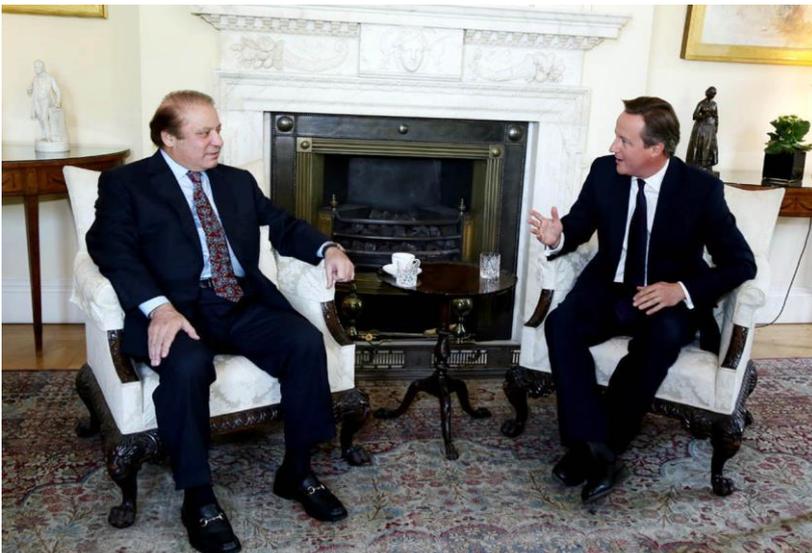
Newsletter – October 2015

PM Arrives in London en Route to New York to Attend 70th Session of UN General Assembly



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif being received by the representative of the British Government Ambassador David Pearey and H.E. Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK at the airport on arrival in London on 22-9-2015

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met Prime Minister, David Cameron at 10 Downing Street, on September 23, 2015. During the meeting, both leaders expressed satisfaction on the overall trajectory of the bilateral relations between the two sides and discussed ways to further strengthen cooperation in various areas of mutual interest.



Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif meeting with his British counterpart David Cameron in his office at 10 Downing Street on September 23, 2015

The two leaders also exchanged views on issues of global and regional importance, including the situation in Afghanistan. Prime Minister David Cameron welcomed Pakistan's policies for a peaceful neighbourhood and appreciated Pakistan's role in the fight against militancy and terrorism.

Flying Officer Junaid Saleem PAF Best Overseas Cadet



Pakistan Air Force Flying Officer Junaid Saleem has achieved the singular distinction of winning the "Best Overseas Cadet Award" at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

Toby Dennis, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire presented him with the award at a special ceremony held on June 8, 2015.

Speaking on the occasion, Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK HE Mr Syed Ibne Abbas congratulated the officer and said that his success was a testimony to the high professional standards of PAF which had always stood up to its reputation.

Junaid Saleem attributed his success to the training he received at Pakistan Air Force Academy Risalpur and his parents' prayers.

10 Downing Street

Prime Minister David Cameron was assisted by his National Security Adviser, Sir Mark Lyall Grant (former British High Commissioner to Pakistan), while Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was accompanied by his Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs, Syed Tariq Fatemi.

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Next Event: Joint event with SOAS. Talk by Bijan Omrani at 7pm on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Khalili Lecture Theatre, SOAS London.

Pakistani-origin British MPs

There were seven Pakistani-origin Members of Parliament in the House of Commons. Post 2015 General Election the figure has increased to ten. All of them represent English constituencies, except for Tasmeena Ahmed-Sheikh, who is from Scotland. She is a lawyer and screen actress by profession, starred in quite a few TV shows in Pakistan. Tasmeena was on the board of Yes Scotland in the run-up to the referendum and is now a regular columnist in Scotland's daily newspaper, The National.

Sajid Javid, a Conservative, was Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport in the outgoing government and is now Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills in the new administration. Some commentators have stated that Javid has a chance of becoming Leader of the Conservative Party.

The former Secretary of State for Communities and later Secretary of State for Transport in the last Labour government Sadiq Khan has been named as Labour's candidate to replace Boris Johnson as Mayor of London. On 11 September 2015, Khan won the party selection vote, defeating Dame Tessa Jowell, who had been the favourite to gain the nomination. He will lock horns with Conservative rival Zac Goldsmith. The election for the office of Mayor of London takes place every 4 years. The next mayoral election is scheduled for 5th May 2016.

Conservative



Nusrat Ghani MP
Wealden



Sajid Javid MP
Bromsgrove



Rehman Chisti MP
Gillingham & Rainham



Tasmeena Ahmed-Sheikh MP
Ochil & South Perthshire

Scottish National

Labour



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Bradford West



Yasmin Qureshi MP
Bolton South East



Shabana Mahmood MP
Birmingham Ladywood



Imran Hussain MP
Bradford East



Sadiq Khan MP
Tooting



Khalid Mahmood MP
Birmingham Perry

The Parliament of Great Britain was formed in 1707 following the ratification of the Treaty of Union by Acts of Union passed by the Parliament of England and the Parliament of Scotland. At the start of the nineteenth century, Parliament was further enlarged by Acts of Union ratified by the Parliament of Great Britain and the Parliament of Ireland that abolished the latter to create the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The Royal and Parliamentary Titles Act 1927 formally amended the name to the "Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". The UK parliament and its institutions have set the patterns for many democracies throughout the world, and it has been called "the mother of parliaments".

The first Asian Member of Parliament was Dadabhai Naoroji in 1892. He was quickly followed by fellow Parsis Mancherjee Bhownagree and Shapurji Saklatvala during the late 19th/early 20th centuries.

70th Session of the UN General Assembly

World leaders including Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister David Cameron gathered in New York at UN Headquarters for the General Debate of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) held from 28 September - 6 October 2015.

Pakistan



Summary of the statement by the Prime Minister to UNGA on Wednesday, 30 September:

Development Goals

At the historic Summit over the weekend, we have collectively committed ourselves to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals, to promote equitable and inclusive development for all our peoples.

Kashmir

Our peoples need peace to prosper. Since 1947, the Kashmir dispute has remained unresolved. UN Security Council resolutions have remained unimplemented. Three generations of Kashmiris have only seen broken promises and brutal oppression. This is the most persistent failure of the United Nations.

United Nations

Pakistan supports a comprehensive reform of the United Nations, including that of the Security Council. We need a Security Council that is more democratic, representative, accountable and transparent. A Council that reflects the interests of all member states, in accordance with the principle of sovereign equality. Not a Council, which is an expanded club of the powerful and privileged.

Climate change

Later this year in Paris we will need to respond with common but differentiated responsibility to the threat posed by Climate change. Partisan interests must not stand in the way of an ambitious and collective commitment to halt and reverse the damage done to our planet.

Countering Terrorism

Pakistan is the primary victim of terrorism. We have lost thousands of lives. Our Operation, Zarb-e-Azab, is the largest anti-terrorism campaign anywhere, involving over 180,000 of our security forces. It has made substantial progress and will conclude only when our objective has been accomplished. But the narrative of the terrorists also has to be countered through the just resolution of the several instances of oppression and injustice against Muslims in various parts of the world.

UN Peacekeeping

Pakistan is proud of its historic and current role as a major troop contributor. We regard it as our obligation to uphold international peace and security.

United Kingdom



The Prime Minister set out his priorities for the UK as:

Global Goals Aid and accountability

The Prime Minister has called on world leaders for more aid spending and more accountability. As well as speaking at the 3-day UN Summit to adopt the Global Goals, he also brought together world leaders, NGOs and business representatives for an event focused on the global promise to 'Leave No One Behind'.

Climate change

Speaking on Sunday 27 September, the Prime Minister underlined UK support for climate change and urged fellow leaders to work together to secure an ambitious global climate change deal in Paris later this year.

Countering ISIL

On Tuesday 29 September the Prime Minister announced proposals to place any British foreign fighters that have gone to join ISIL in Syria under UN sanctions. The Prime Minister also spoke during the UN general debate on countering ISIL and violent extremism on Wednesday 30 September. He set out what the UK is doing to help in countries like Syria and Iraq, but also discussing the need to combat extremist ideology.

Peacekeeping support

David Cameron also announced a plan for troops from the UK to take part in peacekeeping operations as part of UN support for African Union forces. The UK's contribution to peacekeeping in the region will support efforts by the United Nations and African Union to end some of the world's most destabilising conflicts.

New Permanent representative of Pakistan to UN Office at Geneva



On 6 October 2015, Mrs Tehmina Janjua, the new Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva, presented her credentials to Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Prior to her appointment to Geneva, Mrs Janjua had been serving as Ambassador of Pakistan to Italy since 2011. She served with the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1996 to 2000 and from 2005 to 2009. She also served with the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York from 1990 to 1995.

A career diplomat, Mrs Janjua joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1984. She holds a Master degree in International Affairs from Columbia University in New York.

British Pakistani Boxing Champion Amir Khan

British High Commissioner supports Amir Khan's plans to train Pakistan's future boxing champions



Amir Khan presenting his boxing gloves to the British High Commissioner.

On 25 August 2015, The British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Philip Barton CMG OBE met the British Pakistani boxing champion Amir Khan. Mr Khan, two time world champion and the current WBC Silver Welterweight champion was in Pakistan to seek support in establishing a boxing academy in Islamabad.

The British High Commissioner commented: Amir is a great Ambassador for sport both in the UK and in Pakistan. He personifies the cultural bonds between our two nations including our shared love for sports! I am delighted Amir plans to establish a boxing academy in Pakistan. Young talent needs to be nurtured and supported. I am sure the academy will produce many Pakistani boxing champions in the future.

Amir Khan commented:

I am grateful to the British High Commissioner on his support to my plans of training Pakistani boxers. As a British Pakistani, I have always felt privileged to be part of the deep connections between the UK and Pakistan that are embedded in the historical and cultural ties between the two countries. I fully encourage other international sportsmen to visit Pakistan.

Titles Won by Amir Khan

- WBA 'Super' World Light Welterweight Champion 2011
- IBF Light Welterweight World Champion 2011
- WBA World Light Welterweight Champion 2009 - 2011
- WBA International Lightweight title 2009
- WBO Inter-Continental Lightweight title 2008 & 2009
- Commonwealth Lightweight title 2007 – 2008
- Silver Olympic Medallist 2004

The Pakistan Society 62nd Annual Dinner June 2015



The Sixty-Second Annual Dinner of The Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn, London on 3rd June 2015. The High Commissioner for Pakistan to the UK, HE Syed Ibne Abbas presided and Gen Sir Nicholas Carter KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC Gen, Chief of the General Staff was the Guest of Honour. Over 230 members and their guests attended the dinner.



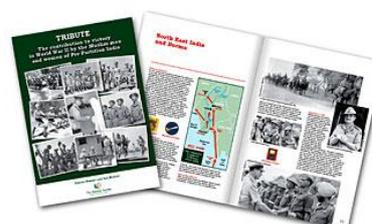
The Pakistan Society Award 2015

Ian McLeod CMG OBE MC is a former career officer in the British Army, who retired as a brigadier in 1995. He was commissioned into the Parachute Regiment in 1961 and saw early service in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, including operational service in Aden. He has commanded at all levels up to brigade and had been a company and battalion commander on internal security operations in Northern Ireland. He has held training appointments at a recruit training establishment and at the Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia.

He has held staff appointments in the Ministry of Defence, in a brigade headquarters and at the British Army Staff College and has served twice with the US Army. His last appointment was as Defence Advisor (Attache) in Pakistan. On retiring from the army in 1995, he was employed in various posts in the peace process in the Former Yugoslavia, including the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia Monitoring Mission, the European Community Monitoring Mission, the Office of the High Representative and the Kosovo Verification Mission.

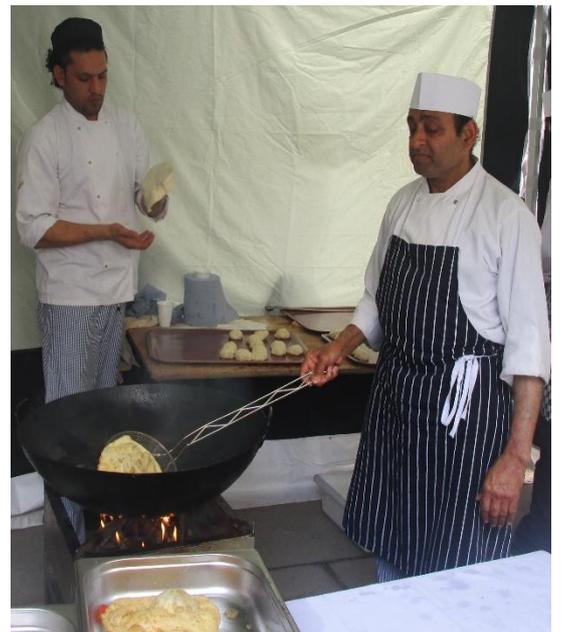
He joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1999 and to date has worked in over 40 countries to promote training in the Law of Armed Conflict within armed forces. He has worked, both on training and operations, with national, NATO, UN and African Union forces to develop a better working understanding between them and humanitarian organisations. Since 2008, he has worked as an occasional battlefield tour guide, specialising in the North African campaign of WW2, and holds an MA in Military History from the University of Buckingham. He actively served on Executive Committee of The Pakistan Society for over 5 years and is co-author of society's publication **TRIBUTE: The contribution to victory in World War II by the Muslim Men and Women of pre-partition India**. He has **contributed significantly to the advancement of public knowledge and understanding of Pakistan in the UK** and is a most worthy recipient of the Society's Award for 2015.

"TRIBUTE: The Contribution to Victory in World War II by the Muslim Men and Women of pre-partition India" was launched at the Annual Dinner, to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II this wonderfully produced 56 page book chronicles the contributions of the Muslim men and women of pre-partition India in World War II. The book has been co-authored by Emran Husain and Ian McLeod of The Pakistan Society and is full of photographs graciously supplied by the Imperial War Museum illustrating the text. If you would like a copy of "Tribute" it is FREE and all we ask is that you cover the cost of postage and packing. Copies of "Tribute" will also be available at the Pakistan Society's events.



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News in Pictures



Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Syed Tariq Fatemi shaking hand with the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom Rt Hon Michael Fallon in Islamabad on August 05, 2015



Group Photo of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq with Delegation of the MPs of the UK Parliament at Parliament House on 28.07.2015.



INTERIOR MINISTER CH. NISAR ALI KHAN SHAKING HAND WITH HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART MS. THERESA MAY IN LONDON ON AUGUST 26, 2015



Syed Ibne Abbas, Pakistan High Commissioner to the UK with Boris Johnson, Mayor of London in UK on 21-7-2015



Desmond Swayne MP, Minister of State for DFID reiterated support to Pakistan's national social safety net during visit to Islamabad on July 22, 2015



DR. MALIHA LODHI PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN TO UN SPEAKING AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL IN A DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST AT UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK ON 23-07-2015

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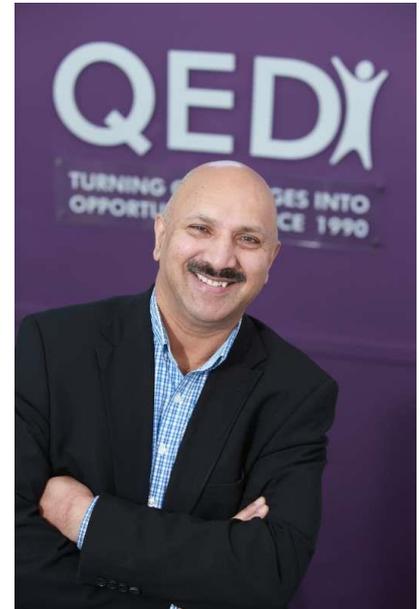
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25th Anniversary



Quarter of a century has passed since The Pakistan Society Member Mohammed Ali OBE, Founder and Chief Executive set up QED Foundation to contribute towards creating a fairer and equal society. The aim was simple: *to give people from south Asian and other cultural backgrounds the opportunity to integrate fully in every aspect of British life.*

Twenty-five years later much has changed. QED Foundation now has an international reach and has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people for the better.

QED have brought together key players to promote ethnic minority issues. And they have done all of this while continuing to provide direct support to disadvantaged communities through their pioneering education, training, employment and health programmes.

As an enabling organisation, they have brought together key players to promote ethnic minority issues. Visit website <http://www.qed-uk.org> for QED Foundation's 25 Year Brochure.

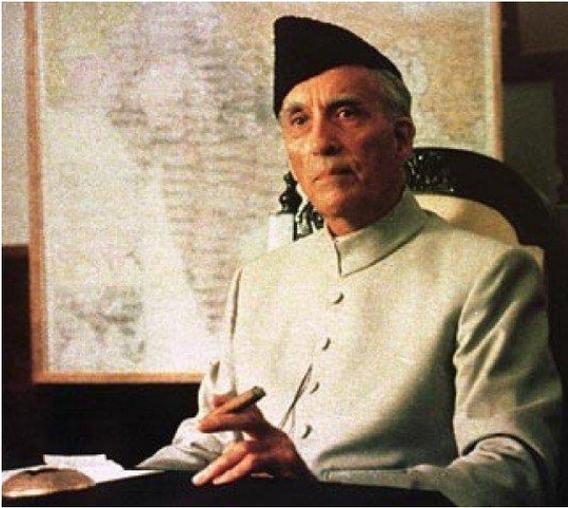
High Wycombe Local Heroes



A fleet of new environmentally friendly buses are set to be introduced by Arriva on the route 33 line from Castlefield to Totteridge and residents were encouraged to nominate a High Wycombe hero to name each bus after. Votes were

cast and the five local legends were named as Dr Frances Alexander, Peter Cartwright, Benjamin Disraeli, Gareth Ainsworth and Ricki Akhter Hussein.

The Pakistan Society Member Ricki Akhter Hussein, who was selected for his charity work in the town, said: "It feels awesome and actually a little bit overwhelming. It is a historic day for me and my family and I think Arriva's initiative is very commendable. I am getting honoured alongside people like Gareth Ainsworth but in particular, Benjamin Disraeli. Arriva's Operations Manager, Paul Smith said: "We are delighted to recognise the achievements of our five local heroes."



Sir Christopher Lee, who played Jinnah in his biopic died aged 93

The legendary actor, who played Dracula in the Hammer Horror films, as well as the villain Francisco Scaramanga in Bond film *The Man with the Golden Gun* passed away on 7 June 2015 after being treated for respiratory problems at London's Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

In an interview with a local radio show Sir Christopher Lee described *Jinnah* as an 'important film' and cited a number of different reasons for doing it. "I think that the film *Jinnah*, is an extremely important film for many reasons and it should be seen now. The reasons, and there are quite a few of them: One, it shows the true meaning of Islam, Islam means submission to the will of God, it does not mean

terrorism, fundamentalism. "Secondly it shows the creation of a Muslim state and how it came into being. How the founder of that nation achieved this.

"It is a story of a true Muslim and the people around him who decided that the Muslims of India need a country of their own," he said. "They say there are still seven million Muslims living in India but of course Pakistan was created in 1947. The man responsible for this was Muhammad Ali Jinnah: known of course to Pakistan as the Quaid-e-Azam which means 'the great leader'."

Christopher Lee was appointed CBE in 2001, was knighted in 2009 for his services to drama and charity and made a fellow of Bafta in 2011. He once said about *Jinnah*, "For me as an actor, it is certainly the most important role I have ever played, because the responsibility on my shoulders was immense. I went to the country he founded. I was there for ten weeks playing the leader of the nation, the creator of the nation in the country he created in front of his own people."

"It had the best reviews I've ever had in my entire career - as a film and as a performance. But ultimately it was never shown at the cinemas," he said, claiming the subject matter made studios "a bit cautious".

Besides *Jinnah*, Christopher Lee played a number of memorable roles, like Saruman in the *Lord of the Rings* film franchise and Count Dooku in two *Star Wars* motion pictures. He appeared alongside Veronica Carlson in *Dracula has Risen from the Grave*, as well as *The Wicker Tree*, *Dark Shadows*, *Hugo* and *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies* last year. He was due to star in Lars Ole Hansen movie *The 11th*.

Christopher Frank Carandini Lee was born on May 27 1922 in Belgravia, London, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Trollope-Lee of the 60th King's Royal Rifle Corps. Lee's father had fought in both the Boer and Great Wars and had later married an Italian contessa, Estelle Maria Carandini. Christopher's parents were divorced when he was four and his mother remarried. Lee grew up in his stepfather's house, where he was waited on by a staff of five (a butler, two footmen, a chauffeur and a cook). He attended Wagner's in Queensgate and Summerfields, and Wellington College where he distinguished himself as a classical scholar.

Fluent in Italian and French, in later life Lee added Spanish, German, Russian, Swedish, Danish and Greek to his repertoire. When his alcoholic stepfather was bankrupted in 1938 Christopher was forced to leave school at 17 in order to find work. For the next 12 months he worked as a city messenger, licking stamps and making tea for a wage of £1 a week. When the Second World War broke out, Lee joined the RAF and was promoted to flight lieutenant. He won six campaign medals, was mentioned in despatches and received decorations from Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. He also worked for British Intelligence.

After the war, Lee served with the Central Registry of War Crimes, work that took him to concentration camps including Dachau, but when he was demobbed at the age of 24, he remained undecided about which career to pursue. He toyed with the idea of becoming a ballet dancer, opera singer and diplomat before his cousin (at that time the Italian ambassador to the Court of St James) suggested he try acting.

Christopher Lee is survived by his Danish wife, Birgit (née Kroencke) a painter and Dior model known as Gitte, whom he married in 1961, and by their daughter Christina.

Recent Events

Wednesday 8 April 2015

Annual General Meeting

This was held at the Pakistan High Commission. Approximately 50 members attended. Last year's minutes were approved. The Chairman presented his report for the year. The annual accounts were presented and agreed. The Society's existing officers were re-elected: Chairman: Sir William Blackburne; Deputy Chairman: Mr Imran Mirza; Assistant Deputy Chairman: Emran Husain; Secretary: Mrs Shama Husain; Treasurer: Peter Gourd. The existing executive committee members remain the same, but co-opted members Charles Vyvyan, Bari Malik and Tristram Holland were elected as members; the resignations of Syra Munir and Margaret Brown were accepted, and Farida Mohamedali, Shahnaz Lockwood and Fatma Shah were elected as new members. Dominic Grieve was co-opted on to the Executive Committee. HE Mr Syed Ibne Abbas thanked Sir William, society's officers and the Executive Committee and gave a brief run-down on the current situation in Pakistan.

Wednesday, 3 June 2015

62nd Annual Dinner

This was held in The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, again, and attended by over 230 guests. HE Mr Syed Ibne Abbas, the High Commissioner for Pakistan to the UK, made the welcome address. General Sir Nicholas Carter KCB, CBE, DSO, ADC Gen, Chief of the General Staff, was the Guest of Honour, and gave the keynote speech. Sir Nicholas Barrington KCMG, CVO launched the Pakistan Society publication, *Tribute, The contribution to victory in WWII by the Muslim Men and Women of Pre-Partition India*, and also presented Brig Ian McLeod with the Pakistan Society Award 2015 for his work on this publication, which was made available for anyone at the dinner to take home with them.

Wednesday, 19 August 2015

The Indian Army's contribution to the First World War

An illustrated talk by Dr Tazi Husain. The rising interest in the contribution of Indian Army soldiers to the First World War was brilliantly covered by Dr Husain with many photographs and an interesting narrative accompanying them.

Thursday, 10 September 2015 (Postponed till early 2016)

The history, culture and importance of plants – from the Qur'an and other early Islamic texts

An illustrated talk by Dr Shahina Ghazanfar of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Thursday, 1 October 2015

The Causes of Radicalisation in Pakistan and in Britain

Talk by Owen Bennett Jones. He spoke about what he felt were the causes of radicalisation in Pakistan and in Britain. After his talk there were many questions asked by members of the audience and a lively discussion followed. Co-hosted by SOAS

Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 22 October 2015

The History of the Durand Line and its relevance today

Talk by Bijan Omrani

Co-hosted by SOAS

The history of the Durand Line, which divides Afghanistan from Pakistan, has been a source of controversy almost since the line was established in 1893. Bijan Omrani will begin his talk by relating how the Afghan/Pakistan (British Indian) frontier evolved. He will examine the problems in the administration and practical governance of the line, with particular reference to the post-Independence period and the attitudes of all countries concerned, and discuss how these problems have given rise to legal doubts about the status of the line. Bijan Omrani is an historian and classicist specialising in the history of Afghanistan and Central Asia. He has published books and numerous articles on Afghan and Central Asian history. This event will be co-chaired by Maj Gen Charles Vyvyan, for The Pakistan Society, and Dr Amina Yaqin, for The Centre for Study of Pakistan, SOAS.

Time: 5.15 pm

Venue: Room G51, Main Building, SOAS, University of London, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG.

This lecture is open to the public so be there well in time to secure a place.

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Glimpsed through Gravestones: The British on the North West Frontier, a unique view of the history of the British involvement on this border of undivided India

An illustrated talk by Sue Farrington

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 and their guests.

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Thursday, 17 December 2015

A reception, with a short illustrated talk on the life and work of the artist Gulgee, by his brother Dr Noor Ali Ismaili

Time: 6 for 6.30 pm

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

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Other Events



Pakistani and Bangladeshi Diaspora Leaders Programme.

A common purpose programme sponsored by the British Council. Many Pakistani and Bangladeshi leaders in the diaspora remain very connected to their country of origin. Common Purpose is running a programme for these leaders that aims to build their capacity to contribute to development in Pakistan and Bangladesh.

There is no fee for this programme. Participants will need to cover the cost of their travel to and from the programme. Participants will need to cover the cost of their travel to and from the programme.

Where: London, UK

When: 17 - 20 November 2015

Deadline for applications: 15 October 2015

For more information, Email: graciete.p@commonpurpose.org or call +44 (0)207 608 8128



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