



## The Pakistan Society

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8th September 2006

#### **Message from General Pervez Musharraf President of The Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of 60th Independence Day, August 14, 2006**



I am privileged to greet my Pakistani brothers and sisters both at home and overseas on the auspicious occasion of our 60<sup>th</sup> Independence Day.

The emergence of our beloved country Pakistan, as a sovereign state on the map of the world was the result of a long and arduous struggle by the Muslims of South Asia under the matchless leadership of our founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Dynamism of the Quaid was wonderfully complemented by his personal and leadership qualities. He inspired the people by principles of unity, faith and discipline, enabling them to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds in achieving independence.

It is imperative that we, the people of Pakistan realised the importance of a strong, prosperous and progressive country for us as a nation. If we analyze the international geo-political environment, it is apparent that countries economically, politically and militarily weak find it a struggle to exist as sovereign states on the world stage. It is, therefore, our national duty to make Pakistan strong.

While today is without doubt a day for both prayer and rejoicing, it is also a moment to pause and reflect. We have to examine our strengths and weaknesses. While keeping in view the lofty objectives for which our country was created, it is our duty to take our beloved country forward in attaining its rightful place in the comity of nations.

AlhamdoLillah, far-sighted policies and reforms over the last seven years have given the country correct strategic direction and Pakistan is beginning to realise its tremendous human, geo-strategic and economic potential.

Consistency and transparency of policies have resulted in economic stability; our focus is now on transferring the benefits to the people. The defence of the country has been made impregnable and a comprehensive strategy is in place to ensure that it goes from strength to strength. We have also achieved much needed political stability for progress of the country. There is an elected government and

Representatives of the people are present at all tiers of the legislature, from the national and provincial, down to the grass roots level.

On this occasion, I would like to reiterate that we stand for democracy and have taken far reaching measures to ensure its sustainability; there is total freedom of speech and expression in the country. Steps have been taken for the politico-socio-economic empowerment and rights of women. The antiquated and colonial administrative structure has been replaced by devolving power down to the peoples' representatives at the grass roots level and local government is in its second tenure. A host of development projects have been initiated and are at various stages of completion. In this regard, special care has been taken for generation of jobs for the poor segments of society and bringing progress to far flung areas in order to bring them at par with the rest of the country.

Our achievements do not mean that we as a nation have overcome the challenges before us, for on the fringes of society there are obscurantist elements who do not wish to see Pakistan on the path of progress and prosperity. It is our collective duty as citizens of the state not to let such elements succeed in their evil designs.

Let us therefore pledge on this occasion that we will join hands to make Pakistan a dynamic, progressive, tolerant and democratic Islamic welfare state. We have the example of our founding fathers before us to emulate. We cannot afford to let down the vast majority of moderate and peace-loving citizens of our country.

May Allah Almighty grant us the wisdom, courage and resolve to take our beloved country on the path of prosperity and glory. Ameen!

**Next event:** Visit to "Beyond the Page" Exhibition of Contemporary Art in Pakistan followed by Reception at Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP at 6.30pm for 7pm on Tuesday, 19 September 2006

## Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz's message on the occasion of Independence Day, August 14, 2006

Today, we are celebrating our Independence Day. On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartiest felicitations to my fellow citizens living in Pakistan and abroad.

We must remember that the Muslims of South Asia made great sacrifices for achieving independence, and our ancestors, under the inspiring leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah pledged to strive for the greater glory of our nation. It is, therefore, our foremost duty to demonstrate firm determination for upholding unity of the nation and strengthening integrity and solidarity of our country. I am confident that our nation imbued with a sense of honour, national pride and dedication will spare no effort to protect its national interests. In the prevailing environment, internal unity is far more important than ever before.

I appeal to my fellow Pakistanis that we should work hard to ensure peace and prosperity in our country. We should endeavour to create a tolerant and progressive society, as cherished by our founding fathers. I urge you to maintain unity in your ranks and live in harmony as brothers and sisters without any ethnic, sectarian or regional considerations.

The reforms introduced by the present government have laid the foundations of a stable political system and a sound economy.

We should stand together as a nation, united to face the challenges with courage and fortitude. We should make our nation stronger and more prosperous so that we are able to foil any internal or external threat to our sovereignty, and ensure that our future generations enjoy the fruits of peace and prosperity.

On this Day, let us pledge to the Quaid's guiding principles of Unity, Faith and discipline and make Pakistan a truly modern, progressive, enlightened, democratic Islamic welfare state. This will be a befitting tribute to our founding fathers. I pray to Almighty Allah that He keeps us on the right path and rewards our sincere efforts in improving the well-being of the people of Pakistan, Ameen"

## Prime Minister's Visit to London 1-3 September 2006

During the short visit, Mr Shaukat Aziz addressed a gathering of elected councillors and mayors of Pakistani origin on the economic conditions in Pakistan and the challenges ahead with regard to terrorism and extremism. Mr Aziz also had separate meetings with the Muslim and Kashmiri leaders.



## Independence Day in Pictures



The ceremonies were attended by senior officials from Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Department for International Development, Abdul Sattar Edhi, Minister of State and Chairman National Commission for Human Development Dr Nasim Ashraf and the Pakistani community in Britain.

## UK receives award for Pakistan Earthquake relief effort

The flag hoisting was followed by an investiture ceremony. High Commissioner HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi on behalf of the President of Pakistan conferred on the UK Department for International Development team and Air Vice Marshal A G Walton (RAF), NATO forces commander the awards of Sitara-i-Eisaar (Star of Sacrifice).

Gareth Thomas, International Development Minister received the award on behalf of the DFID team in recognition of the vital role played by the team in relief and rescue cooperation with UN agencies, Pakistan Army and government departments saving precious lives after the October 2005 earthquake in Azad Kashmir and NWFP.

Air Vice Marshal A. G. Walton (RAF) was commended for his meritorious services for the cause of humanity. His enlightened guidance to his troops to ensure immediate provision of relief along with timely completion of assigned tasks and generated lot of goodwill for his forces in the affected area of Azad Kashmir and NWFP.

## Earthquake update...



### UNHCR phases out of Pakistan's quake zone

This is a summary of what was said by UNHCR spokesperson Ron Redmond at the press briefing, on 1 September 2006, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

UNHCR yesterday closed its offices in Pakistan's earthquake-affected areas and handed over full responsibility for the management of relief camps to the local authorities. From now until the end of the year, we will be advising the authorities through the UN Resident Coordinator's office and our partner, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

With a mandate to help refugees fleeing war and persecution, UNHCR does not normally get involved in natural disasters. But we had to help after 2004's tsunami and last October's earthquake, given the sheer scale of the disasters and our existing presence in Sri Lanka and Pakistan. From the start, our involvement in this relief effort was time-limited – until the end of the winter, and then we would phase out by 1 September 2006.

Immediately after the earthquake, UNHCR opened its warehouses in Pakistan and distributed relief items to the quake survivors. We also mobilized thousands of tonnes of emergency supplies from our stockpiles in Afghanistan, Denmark, Dubai, India, Iran, Jordan and Turkey. To date, we have distributed more than 21,000 tents, over 115,000 plastic sheets, close to 850,000 blankets, over 38,000 mattresses, and some 25,000 stoves/heaters in the quake zone.

At the height of the emergency operation, UNHCR had some 150 staff in Pakistan. We are grateful to the donor community for its contribution of nearly \$35 million to support this effort. As the UN's lead agency for camp management in the relief effort, UNHCR supported the government in the running of some 170 temporary relief camps for earthquake survivors in North West Frontier Province and Pakistan-administered Kashmir. We provided material and technical support to the authorities and coordinated with different UN agencies and NGOs to ensure basic services in the camps.

Since the start of spring in March, more than 140,088 quake survivors have left the camps for home and over 130 camps in the quake zone are now closed. Some 36,000 people remain in 44 relief camps.

In the months leading up to the handover, UNHCR upgraded and maintained services in the remaining camps. At the same time, we identified partners in the UN and NGO community to make sure basic services would continue in the camps.

From August until the end of this year, UNHCR and our partner, NRC, will second advisors to the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRC) and provincial authorities

to capacitate the government by providing expertise on camp management for the remaining camp dwellers. One additional advisor has already been serving as a protection focal point for Pakistan-administered Kashmir under the UN Resident Coordinator structure since 1 August.

### UK Service personnel recognised in latest Operational Honours and Awards List published on 8 September 2006

Members of HM Armed Forces have received honours and awards for services on operations for the period 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006.



Flight Lieutenant Sohail Baqa Khan (RAF) deployed to Pakistan on Operation MATURIN has been awarded a Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service (QCVS recognises

meritorious service during, or in support of, operations) for his relief efforts in Pakistan, the country of his parents' birth, following the earthquake in Kashmir in October 2005 [Picture: RAF].

Commanding the forward element at the Pakistani Air Force Base Chaklala, Flight Lieutenant Khan was part of the RAF Odiham team led by 27 Squadron, which encompassed the specialist load handling skills of the Joint Helicopter Support Unit. The team's task was to support the movement of UN aid using three RAF Chinook heavy lift helicopters to the affected northern areas.

Along with his primary role of assisting with the coordination of aid tasking, Flight Lieutenant Khan's language skills allowed him to take on the role of the Liaison Officer with the Pakistani military. The RAF Odiham team made a significant contribution in moving much needed aid and the hard work and skills of the aircrew, engineers, support staff and the Joint Helicopter Support Unit drew praise from all areas concerned.

Flight Lieutenant Khan, said the experience had been challenging but the most rewarding of his career to date:

"I am deeply honoured to be awarded a Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service for my involvement in Operation MATURIN," he said. "I was one small part of the RAF Odiham Team of 27 Squadron, the Joint Helicopter Support Unit and the Joint Helicopter Force HQ that displayed the epitome of teamwork and professionalism in helping the people of Northern Pakistan after the devastating earthquake that shook the region. I feel it as an honour to be able to accept this award on behalf of the RAF Odiham Team."

## Change of British High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



**Sir Mark Lyall Grant KCMG**  
British High Commissioner Pakistan

Mr Robert Brinkley CMG has been appointed British High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in succession to Sir Mark Lyall Grant KCMG who will be transferring to another Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Brinkley will take up his new appointment towards the end of 2006.

Mr Brinkley was educated at Stonyhurst College, and Corpus Christi College Oxford. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1977. He is a fluent Russian speaker, having served twice at the British Embassy in Moscow, and studied Ukrainian in London prior to taking up his appointment in Kiev. He has also served in Geneva and Bonn. His previous position was Head of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Home Office Joint Entry Clearance Unit in London. In "Who's Who" Mr Brinkley lists his recreations as walking, reading and music (violin).



### CURRICULUM VITAE

Full Name: Robert Edward Brinkley  
Date of Birth: 21 January 1954  
Married to: Mary  
Children: Three sons, (1982, 1984 & 1989)

2002-2006 Kiev: Ambassador  
2000-2002 Head of FCO/Home Office Joint Entry Clearance Unit (now UK Visas)  
1996-1999 Moscow: Counsellor (Political)  
1995-1996 FCO: Head of Fundamental Expenditure Review Unit  
1992-1995 FCO: Assistant Head of Resource and Finance Department  
1988-1992 Bonn: First Secretary (Pol-Mil)  
1985-1988 FCO: Soviet Department: Head of Section  
1983-1985 FCO: Deputy Director: Arms Control and Disarmament Research Unit  
1982-1983 FCO: Information Department: Head of Section  
1979-1982 Moscow: Second Secretary (Commercial)  
1978-1978 Geneva: UK Delegation to Tripartite Comprehensive Test Ban negotiations: Third Secretary  
1977-1978 FCO: Arms Control & Disarmament Department

### High Commissioner

The British High Commissioner to Pakistan Sir Mark Lyall Grant KCMG is the representative in Pakistan of Her Majesty the Queen. He is responsible to the British Government for all aspects of the relationship between UK and Pakistan.

### Chancery

Chancery are responsible for liaison between the government of Pakistan and the UK. They monitor the political situation in Pakistan and seek to encourage greater bi-lateral relationships between the two countries

### Trade & Investment Section

UK Trade & Industry operations in Pakistan are based mainly in Karachi, the central hub of Pakistan's trade and economic markets. UKTI assist British companies that wish to invest or trade in Pakistan, as well as encouraging Pakistani companies to trade with the UK.

### Visa Department

The Visa Section effectively regulates the entry to, and settlement in, the UK in the interests of sustainable growth and social inclusion. They do this by facilitating the entry of legitimate travellers while preventing the entry of those who do not qualify under the immigration rules.

### Consular Department

Whether it's forced Marriage, British Nationals in distress, Passports or travel advice, the Consular team help British Citizens in Pakistan and provide assistance where they can.

### Defence Department

is responsible for all aspects of the defence relationship between UK and Pakistan.

### Management

is responsible for all Human Resources and financial resources and also provides support to front line departments

### Press and Public Affairs Department

PAPAD is the Press and Public Affairs Department of the British High Commission. From press releases and interviews to Chevening scholarships and public diplomacy campaigns, PAPAD is the face of Britain in Pakistan.

### British Council

is responsible for activities in education, English language, governance, science and the arts.

### Department for International Development (DFID)

DFID-Pakistan, the Pakistan office of the Department for International Development, is based at the British High Commission. DFID's aim is to reduce poverty by helping achieve the Millennium Development Goals. In Pakistan, DFID does this by providing development assistance to reduce income poverty; improve health and education; and improve accountability of the state to its citizens. DFID supports a number of national programmes and also works in Punjab and NWFP.

### BP awarded three Pakistan offshore blocks



On July, 21<sup>st</sup> 2006, BP announced that it had been awarded three offshore blocks in Pakistan's offshore Indus Delta. At a signing ceremony at the Ministry of Petroleum, the company said BP will explore blocks U, V and W covering an area of 21,000 sq km for oil and gas reserves, with the right to operate any commercially viable discoveries.

"The offshore Indus Delta is a very exciting prospect for us, with a geology that our experience tells us has a strong potential for containing hydrocarbons resources," explained Tariq Khamisani, President, BP Pakistan. BP said any natural gas finds will be used to meet growing demand in Pakistan, which enjoys a sizeable and growing domestic market and a comprehensive distribution infrastructure.

BP Pakistan is one of the largest foreign investors in Pakistan, currently producing 22 per cent of the country's oil and 6 per cent of its gas. The company operates the Badin and Mehran Concessions in a joint venture with Oil and Gas Development Company Limited, Occidental Petroleum (Pakistan) Inc., and Government Holdings Private Limited.



corporate headquarters.

BP Pakistan (formerly known as Union Texas Pakistan) made its first oil and gas discovery at Khaskheli field, in the Badin concession area. Steve Peacock has taken over as President of its operations in the Middle East & Pakistan, replacing Dr. Michael Daly who returns to the United Kingdom to take on a senior role at the company's

**To date BP Pakistan has discovered 61 oil and gas fields in Badin and Mehran concessions and has produced 355 mboe**

The basic unit used to measure oil and gas production is barrels of oil equivalent, often abbreviated to boe. It is often necessary to use millions or billions of barrels of oil equivalent (mboe or bboe) when discussing oil reserves.

A boe (barrel of oil equivalent) is the amount of energy contained in a barrel of crude oil. Approximately 6,000 cubic feet of natural gas is considered equivalent to one barrel of oil, but the exact rate varies depending on the type of gas. This measure is used to quantify the output of an oil company in way which allows output of oil (measured in barrels) and gas (measured by its volume) to be added together to form one figure

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**Email Mrs Shama Husain: [info@thepakistansociety.org.uk](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)**



### New twice weekly services from London Stansted Airport.

The inaugural flight PK773 Airbus 310 Islamabad to London Stansted Landed at 1426GMT on Tuesday August 15. The flight routing was ISB-KHI-STN. Schedule: Every Tuesday direct from Karachi and every Saturday from Islamabad via Karachi.

PIA now provides direct service to Pakistan from London Heathrow, London Stansted, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow. For more information, contact PIA Tel: **0800 587 1023**.

### New PIA Livery

The national flag carrier has decided to change its livery, specifically its tail, to reflect the colours and artistic excellence of the four Provinces. All this is bonded by the retention of the National Flag repositioned for more emphasis on the main body of the fuselage.



Punjab



Sindh



Balochistan



NWFP

## Sports News

### England v Pakistan



#### Power Test Match Series, Twenty20 and NatWest One Day International Series

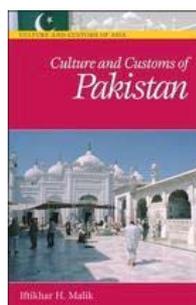
Match	Date	Venue	Result	Player of the Match
First Test No. 1811	13-17 July 2006	Lords, London	Match Drawn	Mohammad Yousaf (Pak)
Second Test No. 1812	27-31 July 2006	Old Trafford, Manchester	England beat Pakistan by an innings and 120 runs.	S J Harrison (Eng)
Third Test No. 1813	4-8 August 2006	Headingley, Leeds	England beat Pakistan by 167 runs.	Younis Khan (Pak)
Fourth Test No. 1814	17-21 August 2006	The Oval	Pakistan forfeited the Match.	Players of the Series: Younis Khan (Pak) & A J Strauss (Eng)
<i>The fourth test match was awarded to England, the first forfeit in the 129-year history of Test cricket. ICC hearing on the Oval Test will take place on 27 &amp; 28 September in London. It will be conducted by senior match referee Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka.</i>				
Twenty20 International No. 8	28 August 2006	GCCC, Bristol	Pakistan beat England by 5 wickets.	Shahid Afridi (Pak)
First One Day International No. 2408	30 August 2006	Sophia Gardens, Cardiff	Match abandoned, rain	No Award
Second One Day International No. 2409	2 September 2006	Lords, London	Pakistan beat England by 7 wickets.	Shoaib Akhtar (Pak)
Third One Day International No. 2410	5 September 2006	The Rose Bowl, Southampton	Pakistan beat England by 2 wickets.	Younis Khan (Pak)
Fourth One Day International No. 2411	8 September 2006	Trent Bridge, Nottingham	England beat Pakistan by 8 wickets.	Ian Bell (Eng)
Fifth One Day International No. 2412	10 September 2006	Edgbaston, Birmingham	England beat Pakistan by 3 wickets.	Sajid Mahmood (Eng)

### Other Matches

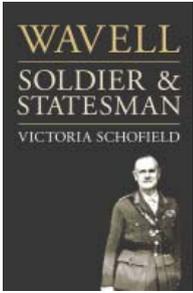
Match	Date	Venue	Result
Scotland v Pakistan One Day International No. 2387	27 June 2006	Edinburgh	Pakistan beat Scotland by 5 wickets. Player of the Match: Mohammad Yousaf (Pak)
Leicestershire v Pakistan First Class Match	1-3 July 2006	Leicester	Pakistan beat Leicestershire by 8 wickets.
England A v Pakistan First Class Match	6-9 July 2006	Canterbury	Match Drawn
Northamptonshire v Pakistan First Class Match	20-27 July 2006	Northampton	Pakistan beat Northamptonshire by 7 wickets.
Pakistan v West Indies A Neutral Match	12 August 2006	Shenley	Match Drawn
Pakistan v West Indies A Neutral Match	13 August 2006	Shenley	Match abandoned, rain
Middlesex v Pakistan List A Match	24 August 2006	Uxbridge	Match abandoned, rain

### Members in the News

Members of the Society are invited to contribute news of themselves or others which might be of interest to readers of the Newsletter.



**Dr Iftikhar H. Malik** is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Professor of History at Bath Spa University. He has written a book entitled Culture and Customs of Pakistan. This in-depth narrative encapsulates the historical pluralistic traditions, such as religious practices, languages, and ethno social ties that Pakistanis share with their neighbours. The coverage of culture and customs is contextualized throughout with the richness of the past and present Indus Valley civilization. Iftikhar Malik provides authoritative insight into the many aspects of history and contemporary life. Western readers will be exposed to a range of folk traditions that coexist with modern influences from globalization. Descriptions of unfamiliar cultural phenomena such as the architecture of shrines and tombs, the distinctive dress of different groups, Pakistani Muslim courtship and marriage rituals, and lively kite-flying contests are some of the highlights. Pages: 244 Publisher: Greenwood 12/30/2005 Price: \$49.95.



**Victoria Schofield** has worked extensively as a journalist and broadcaster, specialising in South Asia. She has written a book on Wavell Soldier & Statesman. Wavell was one of Britain's great military leaders. With extraordinary resilience, he faced triumph and disaster in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. His renowned victory in the Western desert was matched by the ignominy of the surrender at Singapore and the evacuation from Burma. Wavell's appointment as Viceroy of India was even more challenging, as he began its arduous move to independence. Yet behind such distinction lay an enigmatic man, equally celebrated for his unexpected silences as for his prolific memory and love of poetry. Drawing upon unpublished letters and diaries, together with interviews with the last surviving generation who knew him, she reveals the hopes, fears and the difficulties Wavell faced. Appointed and yet chastised by

Winston Churchill, the failure of one of the most important relationships of WW2 is laid bare. From this beautifully written, well-researched book Wavell emerges as a man of tremendous sensitivity, a soldier and a statesman, for whom duty was paramount and who, despite his taciturn behaviour, inspired exceptional loyalty. In a world where the origins of today's conflicts lie in yesterday's wars, the story of Wavell's life holds a timeless fascination. ISBN: 0719563208 Publisher: John Murray 13/3/2006 Price £30.00 Hardback

## Recent Events

**Annual General Meeting** was held on April 5th. Lt Gen (Retd) A M D Palmer was formally elected as the Chairman of The Pakistan Society, Emran T. Husain and Mrs Shama Husain were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary.

**Isobel Shaw's** illustrated talk at on May 9<sup>th</sup>, on "Rural Life in the Remote Mountain Valleys of Northern Pakistan" gave an audience of some 70 members and guests an enthralling account on her past 20 years of trekking in Pakistan with special references to development and to last October's earthquake.

The **53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner** was held on 15 June. The Guest of Honour was Dr Nasim Ashraf Minister of State and Chairman National Commission for Human Development. The Pakistan Society Award 2006 went to Dr David Matthews.

Governor, State Bank of Pakistan **Dr Shamshad Akhtar** was the guest speaker at the society's economic event held on June 21st at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London, SW1. The presentation "Pakistan's Financial Services Sector – A Future Perspective" was attended by representatives of the city of London financial institutions and government departments. The event was sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank plc (Corporate Member of The Pakistan Society).

**Visit to the Houses of Parliament** on July 21<sup>st</sup> was an educational experience. Society members were shown the processional route taken by Her Majesty The Queen when she performs the State Opening of Parliament. The tour led by a qualified guide passed through the Sovereign's Entrance, Queen's Robing Room, Princes Chamber, House of Lords, Central Lobby, Members' Lobby, House of Commons and St Stephen's Hall. The Society is very grateful to **The Rt Hon Lord Weatherill**, former Speaker of the House of Commons and Hon. Vice President of The Pakistan Society for arranging the visit.

## Forthcoming Events

### Tuesday, 19 September 2006

#### Visit to "Beyond the Page" Exhibition of Contemporary Art in Pakistan followed by Reception

*This exhibition, one of the highlights of the national Festival of Muslim Cultures, introduces Pakistani artists Hamra Abbas, Zahoor ul Akhlaq, Aisha Khalid, Hasnat Mehmood, Mohammed Imran Qureshi, Nusra Latif Qureshi, Rashid Rana and Usman Saeed.*

**Time:** 6.30 pm for 7pm

**Venue:** Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP

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

### Thursday, 26 October 2006

#### Eid Reception

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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

**Admission:** Members £3 Non-Members £5.

Booking required Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email [info@thepakistansociety.org.uk](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)

## Tuesday, 7 November 2006

### Visit to The British Library India Office Collection

As the 150th anniversary of the first war of Indian independence approaches we will be shown papers related to that event.

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

**Venue:** The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB

**Admission:** Free (max 25). Booking required Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email [info@thepakistansociety.org.uk](mailto:info@thepakistansociety.org.uk)

## Wednesday, 15 November 2006

### Pakistan Earthquake Eyewitness Briefing 3

*Reconstruction work undertaken by Oxfam GB and Islamic Relief*

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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

## Thursday, 30 November 2006

### Everest Max "Our time in Pakistan"

*Richard (Dickie) Walters*

The team cycled from the Dead Sea to Everest where they climbed the summit.

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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

## Tuesday, 12 December 2006

### Sufi Soul: the Mystic Music of Islam

*Channel 4 documentary*

Simon Broughton will be present to talk about his experiences in the making of this documentary.

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm

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

## Other Events

**Two Steps Forward One Step Back: Contemporary Art in Pakistan since 1980.** Lecture by Naazish Ata-Ullah at 6.30pm Monday, 25 September at Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP. Naazish Ata-Ullah is Associate Professor in the Department of Fine Art at the NCA, Lahore. She is an artist, writer and curator. Admission: Westminster residents, students, academics FREE (Booking required) Asia House Members £4, Non-Members £7. For more information contact Asia House Tel: **020 7307 5454** or email [enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk)

**Four Hundred Years of Miniature Painting in Lahore 1550-1950.** Lecture by Robert Skelton OBE at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 October at Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1G 7LP. Robert Skelton is the former keeper of Indian and South East Asian Art at the V&A. Admission: Westminster residents, students, academics FREE (Booking required) Asia House Members £4, Non-Members £7. For more information Tel: **020 7307 5454** or email [enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@asiahouse.co.uk)

**Celebrate Eid-Al-Fitr, the Muslim festival which marks the end of Ramadan.** Events include music, poetry, craft activities, calligraphy workshops and many other cultural demonstrations. 10am-5pm, Sunday 5 November at the Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London. Admission is free. For more information contact V&A Tel: **020 7942 2000**

**The Annual Benjamin Zucker Lecture on Mughal Art: Material & Metaphor in 17th Century India** by Dr. Deborah Hutton at 6.30pm, Tuesday 7 November at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Lecture Theatre (use

**The President of Pakistan Relief Fund**  
**To date £ 4.38 Million (US \$8.1 Million) has been collected for this fund from UK**  
**How to Donate**

Donations can be made through electronic transfer to the following Bank accounts

Bank	Account	Number	Sort Code
NatWest Bank	United National Bank	32634412	60-19-27
Habib Allied International Bank plc	President of Pakistan Relief Fund	10816601	60-95-11

Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to "The President of Pakistan Relief Fund" to  
The Pakistan Society, 8 Harriet Walk, London SW1X 9JH. Tel: 020 7235 9914

Exhibition Road entrance), London, SW7 2RL. Admission is free. For more information Tel: **020 7942 2322**