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


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## On Kashmir it is time to either put up or shut up



September 27, 2019 will go down in the annals of history of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf as a 'landmark' day because Prime Minister Imran Khan delivered a speech that virtually gave a new lease of life to the ruling party, which was under huge criticism from even the die-hard party workers, who believed the party had miserably failed in living up to its promises made during the election drive. There is no dearth of PTI critics who still believe that PM's speech, though was an excellent narration of Pakistan's point of view on the Kashmir issues, yet it was only a breather for a short span of time and PTI had to deliver on its vows and promises if it really wanted to stay on for remaining period of its tenure.

There is no denying the fact that the speech went quite well both at home and abroad and Prime Minister Imran Khan lived up to the expectations as far as projection and highlighting the Kashmir issue at the international forum was concerned. That is why he was accorded a rousing welcome by the PTI workers and ministers when he landed at Islamabad International Airport.

While Pakistan appears to have snatched world attention towards Kashmir issue thru this speech, the fact remains that the controversial decision of the Indian government still stands and miseries of Kashmiri people continue to multiply with the each passing day as curfew is still in place. This is not for the first time that a Pakistani leader delivered fiery speech at the UN. Former Prime Ministers Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and his daughter Benazir Bhutto had delivered more or less similar speeches. Even former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif did mention Kashmir whenever he chose to address the UN General Assembly. Intriguingly, despite all such tirades, we have not been able to draw serious world response to this issue.

Even response from the so-called Muslim ummah has been disappointing and lackluster. The OIC, whom I often call as a dead wood, too reacted quite late and therefore its reaction did not bother Indians at all. Turkey and Malaysia wholeheartedly supported Pakistan and assured full support for which Pakistan must be indebted to them.

Pakistani people have a very short memory. They will soon forget what PM Iram Khan said at the UN and in what fashion. After few days people will again start assessing govt performance according to its claims and election vows. Ostensibly, during last one year bad governance, plight of economy and wrong choice of people for various jobs have all taken a heavy toll on people for after passage of one year the government itself is not sure whether it is really in-charge of the affairs – what to talk of general public.

The main reason of govt's below the belt performance happens to be presence of too many power houses both at the Center and provincial level. Everybody who has some say in the party is calling the shots. Such elements have invested so heavily in the party that the party head even seems helpless in front of such power houses. With a disjointed party structure; poor governance and hostile Opposition, the government will head nowhere. Even on Kashmir, all speeches and actions can bear fruit provided all stakeholders including the Opposition parties are on the same page. The enemy hatches its conspiracies and executes nefarious designs after due diligence and proper homework. It exactly knows what our shortcomings are then exploits them to its benefit. Any dovish posture from our side would in fact encourage the enemy to ride on us.

Any breakthrough on Kashmir is possible only if our side resorts to some hard decisions such as escalation on the border and Line of Control (LoC). Mere speeches and rhetoric may not help force India to allow a plebiscite in the Occupied Kashmir. Enemies would only take you seriously if they are dealt with in the language they understand. Therefore it is time that we should either put up or shut up!!

*Ansar*

**Chief Editor's Profile:** Ansar Mahmood Bhatti is a career journalist. He started off as District Correspondent of Daily *The Muslim* in 1988 from Gujrat. Later he moved to Islamabad and joined *Pakistan Observer* as Sub-Editor / Op-ed Writer, in 1993. In 1995 he again moved to The Muslim as Sub-Editor and he left The Muslim in 1997 to join *The Nation* as City Editor and Diplomatic Correspondent, where he remained till 2002. His association with *The News* spans over three years from 2002 to 2005 as Columnist. In 2005 Mr. Bhatti switched over to Khabrain Group as Columnist / Special Correspondent. In 2010 he was made Resident Editor of *The Post*, a sister publication of *daily Khabrain*. In 2010 he launched his own publication *Centreline*. He has authored two books on European Union. He has also served in *Pakistan Telecom Company (PTCL)* as Media Advisor/Director Communications. He Launched Diplomatic News Agency (DNA) in 2012.

# Manuel Duran Spain, Pakistan relations on a positive trajectory

*Ambassador of Spain talks to CENTRELINE and DNA*

**By Ansar Mahmood Bhatti**

**How would you describe relations between Pakistan and Spain?**

Our relations are cordial and friendly. Our two countries have a lot in common. The Muslim past of Spain ( Al-Andalus) makes our country a very attractive tourist destination for Pakistanis and more and more Spaniards are coming to Pakistan to discover the beauty of its mountains and landscapes. Our two countries are willing to expand this good relationship by getting to know each other better. We are organizing a beautiful concert for April 2020 in which a Spanish flamenco group and Pakistani sufi performers will show everyone how beautifully both styles go together.

Actually, part of the flamenco tradition stems from Sindh and from the soulful and very spiritual chants that can still be heard in that region. The idea of melting together both styles proves that we have a lot of things in common and that we should explore more into our two cultures and find the many links that exist between them

Travelling and promoting cultural activities that bond our two nations are a both perfect ways of strengthening our already solid ties.

Also worth mentioning is the fact that our trade and economic relations are doing very well. The

interest towards Pakistan as a potential market for Spanish companies is growing, and Pakistan is opening itself to our products and to possible investors by facilitating their presence here.

**Can you share with us trade and economic volume between the two countries and how many Spanish companies are doing business in Pakistan and vice versa?**

Roughly 1,3 billion USD per year. Pakistan exports more than one billion to Spain, mostly textiles, while Spain brings to Pakistan technology, tiles and olive oil. But there are several projects in the making. A Spanish company might start manufacturing helmets here in Pakistan. They would make the helmets

according to the Pakistani regulations regarding the kind of helmets required to drive a motorcycle. This would be a milestone for it would imply a direct investment in Pakistan. Other companies are also exploring this market.

I would also like to underline that a few companies are making business here already. More or less 40 of them.

**How would you comment on the investment climate in Pakistan? Do you think the foreign investors including the Spanish ones have enough reasons to come to Pakistan?**

A lot of progress has been made the last five years, but there is still room for improvement. I cannot hide the fact that our trade volume plays in favour of





Pakistan, therefore I would like to increase the level of our exports to Pakistan. That can be done, but for that to happen, Pakistan must ease the barriers that currently prevent many Spanish products from entering Pakistan ... mainly the labelling of the product in Urdu and the Halal requisite also on the labels. Consumer goods from Spain would be appreciated by growing Pakistani middle classes and Spanish technology can foster the development of Pakistan. Railways could be an example of this. We are also ready to export items such as very high quality bathroom equipment made with a very groundbreaking design. Not only the materials such as porcelain are really competitive, but also the aluminum for the faucets and tubes. Kitchen equipment is also very competitive. Furniture with a modern design but a good price. And of course, technology that can be applied to different industries already operating in Pakistan.

**One way of improving trade and economic links is to establish contacts with the local business enterprise and chambers and you have already visited some chambers. Please tell us something more about such interactions and their utility with regard to promotion of trade and economic links?**

Of course I have. They all have been really helpful and I, together with the Commercial attaché of the Embassy, have established links with many of them.

Chambers are really useful to guide possible future investors in Pakistan and also to organize trade fairs that our entrepreneurs can attend. They certainly promote trade and economic links between our two countries because they can illuminate us on what Pakistan can give and on what Pakistan expects from us.

**Spain is an important EU member state therefore can**



**help Pakistani products have access to various EU**

***Well, there are always cases of illegal immigrants arriving, not only to Spain, but to other EU countries. Once they arrive in a country which is part of the Schengen treaty, they can travel freely within the the Schengen space.***

**markets through Spain. Is it possible?**

The very idea of the EU is to establish a common market with common rules. Therefore the tariffs applied to Pakistani products in Spain will be equal to the ones applied by other EU member states.

Pakistan is already enjoying the GSP+ (GSP+: GSP means a partial or full removal of customs duties on two thirds of tariff lines and the + stands for the special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance. It slashes these same tariffs to 0% for vulnerable low and lower-middle income countries that implement 27 international conventions related to human rights, labour

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rights, protection of the environment and good governance)

Spain can very well encourage Pakistan to comply with the conditions under which the GPS + status was granted to Pakistan by the EU. As you know, this preferential status is offered to Pakistan in exchange for certain commitments assumed by Pakistan. Spain can only help Pakistan retain this status by reminding Pakistan of these commitments

**Quite a large number of Pakistani Diaspora is now nestled in Spain. Can you share with us the figures and role of Pakistanis in Spanish development?**

It is very difficult to provide a precise figure because many of the Pakistanis who arrived in Spain years ago have obtained the Spanish citizenship, therefore they are not registered as Pakistanis in Spain but as Spaniards. Nevertheless, the figure that we often give is 100.000. Most of them live in or near Catalonia, and they are really hard working people who definitely contribute to the welfare of our country with their efforts.

**In past we used to hear some news about illegal immigrants from Pakistan to Spain but this trend seems to have been effectively addressed. Do you agree or still there are some cases?**

Well, there are always cases of illegal immigrants arriving, not only to Spain, but to other EU countries. Once they arrive in a country which is part of the Schengen treaty, they can travel freely within the the Schengen space. But these are very isolated cases and we cannot talk about a trend or about a massive flux of Pakistani immigrants arriving into Schengen right now.

**Tourism is yet another sphere where both countries can cooperate especially given the fact that Spain is a must-visit destination for tourists**



**from around the globe. How can we move ahead in this particular field?**

I am very happy to announce that the visa upon arrival for Spanish businessmen travelling to Pakistan is already a reality. I have spoken with some businessmen who have come to Islamabad for several meetings and they have already benefitted from this new system. As soon as tourists begin to realise that they do not need to go the Pakistani Embassy to get a visa to visit Pakistan, I am sure that the number of Spanish tourists will increase.

Pakistan must launch tourism campaigns that should be shown in targeted countries. We have all seen in Spain wonderful initiatives from countries that were totally unknown to the potential Spanish tourists and the results are very positive.



Croatia, Malta , and other European countries that were not known by the Spanish traveler are now typical summer favorites... and that is all thanks to very well planned campaigns and also agreements with low budget airlines which were eager to expand their list of destinations. Pakistan must also develop its network of hotels and restaurants to offer a variety of high quality places to stay and eat. There is also room for improvement in the field of infrastructures... to attract tourism you must first prepare the country for the potential visitors. Spain can offer its experience and know how to help Pakistan in developing this promising industry

Regional situation these days is quite volatile because of developments in Kashmir and a non-agreement between US and Taliban on Afghanistan. How do seethesedevelopments?

I am optimistic because the different parties involved in both conflicts are talking as we speak. If there is dialogue, there is hope. I believe that prosperity is a priority for all the countries in the region. And prosperity and war are incompatible. Therefore a solution will be finally found. There might be upheavals and a contained amount of discontent, but I do not really think these conflicts will escalate. Negotiations are underway, and that must make us hopeful and patient.

# EU earmarks 180 million euros for climate change relates project in Pakistan

EU envoy says Pakistan doing well in climate change, environmental issues; supports multilateral approach; Amin Aslam spells out govt priorities

ISLAMABAD, (DNA): Ambassador-designate of the European Union, Androulla Kaminara has said: "The EU remains committed to the Paris Agreement on climate change and its full implementation while progressing steadily with the finalization of the measures to reduce emissions by at least 40% by 2030.

She said climate change does not affect all countries in the same way and of course not all countries are responsible for climate change crisis.

"It has been proved that in already stressed societies climate change multiplies their woes. I have seen myself climate change affecting badly various countries".

She made these remarks while speaking on the occasion of Climate Change Diplomacy Day.

The event kicked off with the participants cycling from the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) on a designated route as a symbolic gesture to raise awareness to curtail the growth of greenhouse emissions by promoting eco-friendly modes of transportation.

The event then moved on to a screening of documentary followed by a debate competition among students of various Islamabad schools. Student of Islamabad Model College for Girls Saleha Ahmed won the debate competition.

The EU ambassador further said the objective of this sustained engagement was for the EU to raise global climate ambition together with its partners, in particular those the most exposed to the negative side effects of climate change.

The ambassador said the EU always supports multilateral solutions as they are much more effective especially to deal with issues such as climate change.

Ms. Androulla Kaminara further said



Climate change requires collective action and the EU remains committed to continue working hand in hand with Pakistan, listed amongst the most vulnerable countries despite the low level of its global carbon emissions, she added. She said the EU also plans to undertake a project in Baluchistan in order to help government exploit all available resources.

Rab Nawaz of WWF-Pakistan, stressed the importance of promoting a common worldwide understanding of the need for action to mitigate climate change, "No matter how people perceive climate change, the phenomenon is real – we are experiencing an array of environmental

shifts, such as infrequent weather events, untimely glacial melt, glacial lake outbursts floods (GLOFs) and changes in animal and bird migration patterns, highlighting irrefutable linkages to climate change taking place in full effect."=DNA





## Mahnush organized the exhibition Transgenders exhibit their skills thru an art exhibition

**I**SLAMABAD, (DNA) -Members of transgender community exhibited their entrepreneurship skills during a two-day exhibition titled "hoping against hope", held at a local hotel. The two day exhibition featured display of exotic pieces of art made by transgenders of twin-cities.

Mahnush, a non-profit organization-in-the-making, organized the exhibition. The visitors praised great art work done by this otherwise neglected and less-privileged segment of the society. Sri Lankan High Commissioner Noordeen Shaheid said transgender community has

amazing skills and their creativity is reflected in the items put on display. The high commissioner also went around various stalls and evinced interest in difference items crafted by the skilful transgenders.

While commending Mahnush's initiative, former Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said transgender community was playing a wonderful role in various fields and professions and one must appreciate and highlight their role and their fight against social and cultural indiscrimination.

"They have more acceptances in society than before. National Database And Registration Authority (NADRA) is issuing them Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) and various companies and departments are hiring them on the basis of their qualification and pure merit".

According to Mahnush's young chairperson, Maha Chishti, Mahnush aims to promote through the exhibition 'trans-equality awareness' and to bring forward the talent of its transgender team



members.

They (transgender vocational and skilled workers and artists) have worked very hard to produce home accessories, decorative items and other things, said Maha Chishti while referring to their things put on display.

Maha and her group of students earlier endeavoured some three years back to teach transgender community while she was an A-level student.

However, they did not make headway as they (transgender) were scared at that time and feared their 'guru' would be offended.

Training them in vocational skill, however, was a bit easier, said Maha Chishti.

Mahnush took the initiative to inculcate

vocational skills within them so they are able to earn in a more dignified manner and respectable environment, said she.

Transgenders Sapna and Chandni while interacting with the media said they were grateful to Mahnush and its team lead Maha Chishti for helping them out and for encouraging them to get vocational training and now they felt quite relieved of their fears of being dismissed by the society.

Some of their handmade things included trays, posters, lamps and other accessories. Aleesha and Ayesha Mughal two transgenders, working in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Ministry of Human Rights (MOHR) respectively said they had come

to express solidarity with their transgender friends and to make them realize they could change and better their lives by adopting a different attitude towards life.

Other dignitaries who came to witness skills of this important segment of society included former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Faisal Karim Kundi, former Interior Minister Senator Rehman A Malik, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Noordeen Mohamed Shaheid, former Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman members of civil society and youth attended the exhibition to express solidarity with the skilled workers of transgender community. =DNA



## Pakistani think-tank, Kyrgyz institute sign MoU



ISLAMABAD, (DNA) - The Chairman of the Kyrgyz Association of Women of the Security, Law and Order Sector Prof. Dr. Aydarkul Kaana had a meeting with the President of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) of Pakistan, Major General (retired) Khalid Amir Jaffrey at the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in Islamabad.

A Memorandum of

Understanding between the CGSS and Kyrgyz Association of Women of the Security, Law and Order Sector was signed.

According to the signed MoU, it is planned to establish cooperation between two organizations in the field of security, exchange visits, scientific conferences and seminars.

During conversation, both sides noted close historical and spiritual ties between Kyrgyzstan, other Central Asian countries and Pakistan, importance of their renewal and further development, discussed the opportunities of cooperation in the spheres of extremism and terrorism prevention, struggling with illegal drugs trafficking and other directions in the field of security. =DNA

## PIA to start direct flights to Malaysia from Oct 14

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) PIA is expanding its wings towards Kuala Lumpur and starting direct flights

from October 14.

PIA will now be flying to Kuala Lumpur from Islamabad twice a week on every Monday and Friday. Direct flights have been a consistent demand of especially the business community. The direct flights shall ostensibly enhance business activity between the two countries.

The Malaysian and Pakistan authorities have been working day and night to get this done and

finally their efforts have yielded results.

The business community of the twin cities particularly has welcomed this decision adding they will now have an easy access to Malaysia, which has a huge to offer to Pakistani businessmen.

Sources say the Malaysian high commissioner Ikram Mohammad Ibrahim and his staff also did a great job in this regard.=DNA

## Mrs. Kaminara appointed new EU ambassador to Pakistan



ISLAMABAD, (DNA) - Mrs Androulla Kaminara has been appointed as the new EU Ambassador-Designate to Pakistan.

Mrs. Kaminara was working in Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union before being appointed as ambassador to Pakistan.

Mrs. Kaminara shall be the first ever female EU ambassador in Pakistan.

In her recent tweets she said, "Religion has to be part of the solution. In all continents, there are people of faith who have chosen the path of respect and coexistence. Not in spite of their faith, but because of their faith".

She is an experienced EU official with a career of over two decades in the European Commission in various Directorate Generals (technology, communications, development cooperation, international relations, humanitarian aid) and having served in different functions such as member of cabinet of two Commissioners, Head of Unit, Director, Head of Representation, Head of Task Force, Director.

In parallel, she always had a great interest in research and education and had served for two years as EU Fellow/Visiting Academic at St. Antony's College, Oxford University as well as research associate of King's college London. She specializes in EU policies and in geopolitics of energy.

Before joining the European Commission she had served as consultant for international firm, advisor to two Cabinet Ministers in Greece, Systems Analyst/project leader for a bank and general manager of a private consultancy firm.

It may be mentioned here that the EU and Pakistan are important political partners. The Delegation represents the EU on a range of issues including: development cooperation, trade, humanitarian assistance, security and counter terrorism, energy, environment, health, transport, migration and climate change.

Political and security relations are getting stronger, something which is underscored by the EU-Pakistan five-year Engagement Plan. A Pakistan-EU Joint Commission meets annually to review the plan's progress.=DNA

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# Pakistan indebted to China for its support on all issues: President Alvi

*Says Sino-Pak ties growing with each passing day; vows to learn from Chinese experiences: Ambassador Yao Jing says 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of CPEC to bring more development*

By ANSAR M BHATTI

ISLAMABAD, President Dr. Arif Alvi has said Pakistan and China are time-tested friends and this relationship has strengthened and diversified with the each passing day.

President Alvi made these remarks while speaking as chief guest on the occasion of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding of People's Republic of China. Ambassador of China Yao Jing welcomed the guests.

Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani, Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar, Federal Ministers, Advisers, members of diplomatic corps and large number members of civil society attended the reception.

The President further said China happens to be the second largest economy of the world and a country that is making huge strides in all fields.

President Alvi further said China shelved its contentious issues and went for new ideas and goals that is why it has now become World's second largest economy.

"It was an historical occasion when people Republic of China was established 70 years



ago. Since then China is constantly on the move. The country has pulled its huge population out of poverty, which indeed a landmark achievement and a step worth-emulating, especially for the developing countries", he added.

The President also quoted Prime Minister

Imran Khan's recent statement in New York where he categorically termed China a success story and vowed to learn from the Chinese experiences in various fields. China, the President said, has been a peaceful nation and wants peace both at home and abroad. China never attached any







strings to its development projects in various countries including Pakistan, which speaks volumes for the greatness of this great country.

President Arif Alvi said China has always supported Pakistan on all issues including Kashmir. Chinese support has always been forthcoming whenever needed by Pakistan. "On majority of issues Pakistan and China think alike. On Afghanistan we share same views while on Kashmir issue China always supported us whenever India tried to isolate us".

The President said the most important thing which we can learn from China is how to improve our economy. Pakistan, as we know is a struggling economy and countries like

China who have immense experience in this field needed to be reached out, in this regard. Earlier, the Ambassador of China Yao Jing in his remarks thanked President and other guests for attending the Chinese day reception.

He said Pakistan was the first Muslim country that established diplomatic relations with China.

He said China over the years had pulled over 700 million people out of poverty. Despite the fact that China is the second largest economy in the world even then China has a lot of challenges as well.

China is a responsible member of the international community. We believe in state to state relations based on mutual respect

and shared future.

For 70 years Pakistan has been the best friend of China. We stand together to safeguard each others sovereignty and integrity. We stand together ameliorate fate of those people who are still living in poverty. He said both countries also stand together to promote regional peace and stability adding "we are glad that Prime Minister Imran Khan is leading the country towards peace and prosperity".

He said the CPEC is moving into the second stage. In this phase more resources shall be given to social and industrial development with a view to improving and strengthening regional development and connectivity.=DNA

# Spells out priorities of new President New Kazakh ambassador keen to diversify ties with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, (DNA)- Ambassador of Kazakhstan Akan Rakhmetullin has said his country was keen to expand and diversify relations with Pakistan adding during his tenure as ambassador he would particularly focus on enhancing trade and economic links between the two countries.

The newly-arrived ambassador of Kazakhstan made these remarks during a press conference at his residence on Thursday.

The ambassador who presented his credentials to the President of Pakistan on September 4, further said tourism was yet another sphere both Kazakhstan and Pakistan can cooperate closely with each other.

To a question about direct flight the ambassador said both PIA and Air Astana had conducted a survey long ago to look into possibility of direct air link between the two countries however the plan could not materialize because of want of passengers, on this route.

Ambassador Akan, who has come to Pakistan on his second diplomatic stint, said his country had abandoned nuclear arsenals and therefore discouraged the idea of using nuclear arms.

He hoped both Pakistan and India would not resort to using nuclear weapons and ultimately both would make a judicious decision on this particular issue.

While talking about the priorities of the new President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the ambassador said, the new President during his recent address to the nation assured to focus on following areas; ensuring rights and security of the citizens; developed and inclusive economy, Increased returns from the quasi-public sector, Effective small and medium sized businesses are a solid foundation for the development of cities and villages, Support for national businesses in international markets, Developed agricultural industry, Fair taxation and sound financial regulation, Effective use of the National Fund and increase in salaries.

The ambassador said in Kazakhstan everybody had right to take part in elections adding all political parties were independent to contest elections.

The ambassador said present trade and



economic relations between the two countries need a spur as they do not

*The whole world recognized the way of development of the country and called it the Kazakhstan model or the Nazarbayev model.*

reflect the proximity of ties between the two nations.

The new President of Kazakhstan in his

address to the nation had said that approximately thirty years ago, we proclaimed our independence thus fulfilling the dream that our ancestors had for centuries.

Since that time, under the leadership of the First President of Kazakhstan – the Leader of the Nation Nursultan Nazarbayev, our country has become a stable and reputable state in the world.

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The whole world recognized the way of development of the country and called it the Kazakhstan model or the Nazarbayev model.

"Today, we are able to double the achievements of our independence and to bring our country to a qualitatively new stage of development. We can achieve this by maintaining the continuity of the policy of the Leader of the Nation and through systemic reforms".

He further said in his address that their work should proceed from the need for the full implementation of the Five Institutional Reforms and the Plan of the Nation developed by Elbasy. The work of the National Modernisation Commission that he created should be resumed.=DNA

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## Tango dance; mouth-watering cuisines feature at Brazil national day function

ISLAMABAD, Embassy of Brazil in collaboration with Islamabad Marriott Hotel organized National Day of Brazil featuring traditional Brazilian Tango dances; mouth-watering cuisines plus screening of spell-binding documentaries about various landscapes of Brazil.

The Marque Hall was decorated in a way to give the guests a feel of Brazil as a country and its rich cultural and historical background.

Chief guest Federal Minister for Professional Education and Training Shafqat Mahmood was all praise for the hosts for hosting the National Day reception in such a wonderful manner.

The minister praised role of Ambassador Claudio Lins for promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries.

The minister, greatly enchanted by picturesque landscape of Brazil, wished to visit the country at soon as possible. "It was a pity that I have not been able to visit this marvelous country so far", he told the audience.

Earlier, Ambassador of Brazil Claudio Lins in his remarks highlighted role of education ministry in promotion of education in Pakistan.

The ambassador especially dilated upon various initiatives launched by the education ministry in this regard under the guidance of the minister.

The guests later enjoyed traditional Brazilian cuisines. Guests could not resist themselves to be part of the Tango dance performance when Brazilian artists came on the floor to exhibit their skills.

The minister and other guests also took part in a football penalty shoot-out competition. Guests had one chance to shoot at the goal and win a football as a gift after scoring a goal. The Minister however was given two chances but even then he could not score a goal.

Meanwhile the Brazil food festival also kicked started on Wednesday which would continue for three days. =DNA





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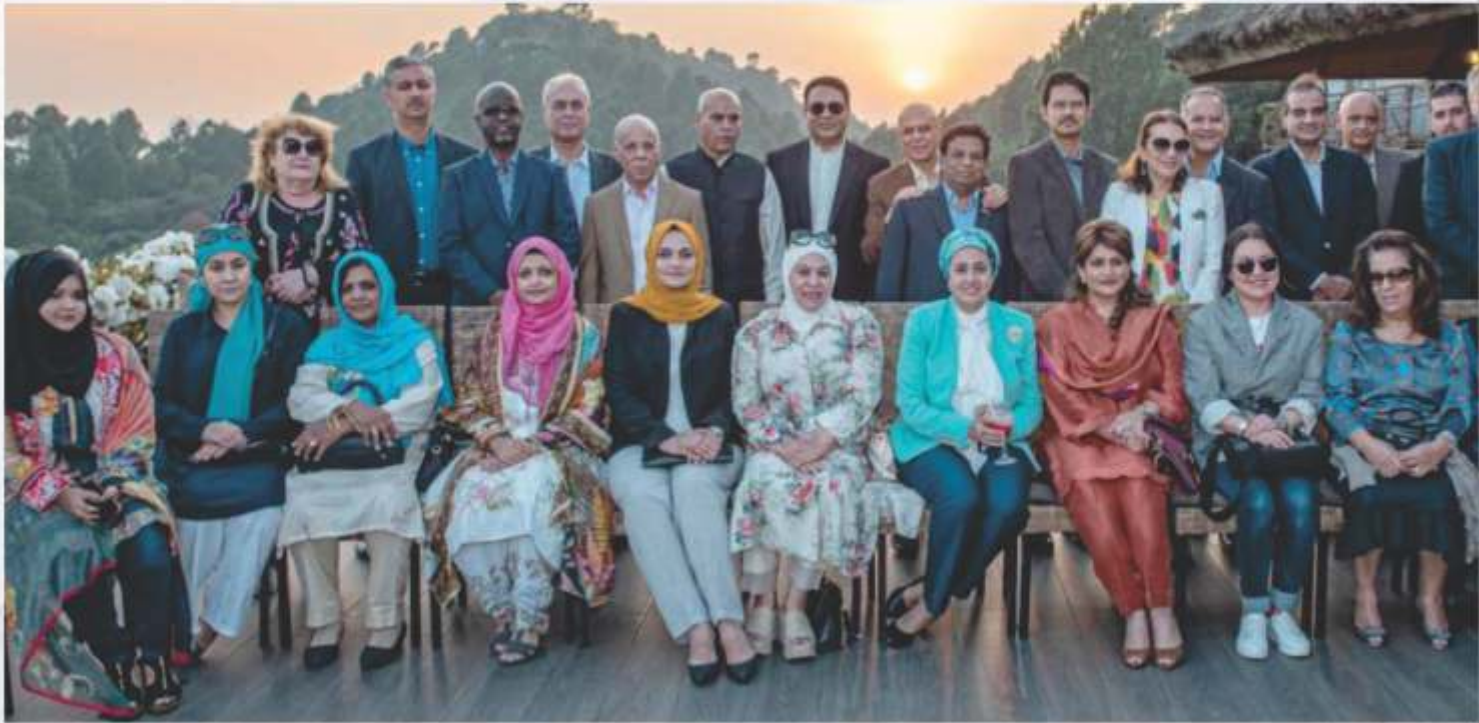
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# CEO and Founder of Monal Group Luqman Ali Afzal and his wife host sunset dinner for ambassadors and high commissioners





## German Unity Day Celebrated Germany wants to be a trusted partner of Pakistan: ambassador



**I**SLAMABAD, (DNA) –Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Bernhard Schlagheck has said his country wanted to have a trusted and durable partnership with Pakistan adding he would try his best to further strengthen and promote bilateral relations. The newly-arrived German ambassador made these remarks on the occasion of German Unity Day reception held at the lush green lawns of the embassy. Federal Minister for Ports and Shipping Ali Zaidi was the chief guest while SAPM Dr.

Firdous Ashiq Awan also attended the event. The German ambassador further said he has just arrived therefore he would not talk much as he was very new in Islamabad and still in the learning process. Ambassador Schlagheck added he was very pleased to see a large number of audiences despite heavy rain that shows their resilience and love for Germany. He said Pakistan was a country full of opportunities and resources. Its people are hard working and friendly. He also lauded the efforts of previous

German ambassador Martin Kobler for rendering great service in bringing both countries even closer. "Everybody has a different approach and so have I but trust me that the objective remains to be the same", he added. He said this 3rd October was his first year in Islamabad that marks the 29th anniversary of German unification and that corresponds with the fall of the Berlin wall, roughly thirty years ago, that led eventually to Germany reunited and Europe suddenly transformed.







## Germany keen to work closely with Pakistan: ambassador

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) - Ambassador of Germany to Pakistan, Bernhard Stephan Schlagheck, has emphasized on a closer contact between the German Embassy and Economic Affairs Division for sustainable economic development in Pakistan through technical and vocational training, increase in trade and market access.

He expressed these views during meeting with Hamad Azhar.

It was agreed to work closely for facilitation of business community by enhancing transfer of technology, establishment of joint ventures and trade Delegations.

The Minister thanked the German Government for the grant assistance, geared towards the betterment of the people of Pakistan and congratulated Mr. Bernhard Schlagheck on successfully concluding the Government to Government Negotiations between the two sides, wherein Euros 109 Million were



committed by the German Government for various projects in priority sectors i.e. Energy, Governance and Sustainable Economic Development.

Minister for Economic Affairs, briefed the incoming Ambassador about current and planned development priorities of the Pakistani Government, which include a stronger focus on transparency, institutional reforms, poverty

alleviation, human resource development and green energy. Both sides exchanged views on increasing the cost effectiveness of development assistance initiatives.

The Minister said that the Government of Pakistan looks forward to further strengthening cooperation between the two sides and hoped to engage in projects which are geared towards the betterment of the people of Pakistan.=DNA

# Youths, diplomats donate blood at donation camp at Indonesian embassy



**I**SLAMABAD (DNA) – The Indonesian embassy in collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent Society organized a one-day blood donation camp at the premises of the Indonesian embassy.

A number of diplomats and members of the civil society donated blood. It was the fourth blood donation camp. Ambassador of Indonesia Iwan S Amri initiated this noble exercise back in 2016 which now has become a regular feature.

Hundreds of people hailing from various walks of life, especially the young generation, are invited every year to donate blood. This year too the majority of blood donors comprised youth including girls. Students from CITHMS, Bahria University and International Islamic

University, Islamabad also donated blood. Wife of Indonesian ambassador other staff members were the first ones to donate blood.

The blood collected at these camps is provided to the needy and poor patients across the country.

Ambassador of Indonesia Iwan Amri while speaking on the occasion thanked the Pakistan Red Crescent Society for being partners with the Indonesian embassy in this noble cause.

The ambassador thanked people for their continuous support in their efforts to further strengthen the Indonesia-Pakistan bonds of friendship through these initiatives of sharing and caring.

Ambassador Amri said the initiative of blood donation





camp as the Indonesia embassy was a gesture of solidarity, friendship and brotherhood with our Pakistani brothers and sisters.

Indonesia and Pakistan have wonderful history of fraternal relations and this collaboration between the Indonesia embassy and PRCS aim to nurture the culture of caring and sharing for saving the lives of our Pakistani friends in need.

On Ambassador's request one minute silence was also observed for late BJ Habibie former President of Indonesia who passed away on 11 September 2019.

Ambassador told the audience that the late President Habibie was known as father of Indonesia technology and a pioneer of Indonesian aviation industry.

He was also one of the founders of the Indonesian Muslim intellectuals association and became its patron. He became Minister of Research and Technology in 1978 and occupied that position consecutively until 1997. Ambassador further said during his rule the Indonesia economy remained on track amid global crisis with his efforts and regional autonomy started that changed a

centralized system into a decentralized one. Ambassador Amri said as a human being what could be more satisfying for them than contributing in saving the life of a fellow human being.

"The presence of so many participants especially the young students in this camp reflects that you fully realize how important donating blood is. In fact voluntary blood donors like you are truly the lifeline for many patients", he added.

He also quoted a famous saying that 'every blood donor is a hero'. Those who donate blood become a hero and they should keep plying such an heroic act in order to save precious lives.

Dr. Wasifa Mutassim, Program Officer PRCS Islamabad appreciated the Indonesian Ambassador for annually hosting the event for the last four years.

She said that the blood donation camps organized the Indonesian Embassy has served as a motivation for many other institutions and individuals as well and they have also shown interest and enthusiasm in organizing similar drives.=DNA



## Turkish ambassador, his spouse spend busy time at an Orphanage

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) Ambassador of Turkey Mustafa Yurdakul and Madame Yurdakul attended re-opening ceremony of Begum Razia Khudad Orphanage which is renovated jointly by Turkish TİKA and Bait-ul Mal.

The ambassador remained in the Orphanage for some time and met with the children residing in the Orphanage.

The Turkish organization TİKA is engaged in charity works. TİKA works with an approach that involves sharing Turkey's development experience with other countries and relies on an understanding of "cooperation partnership".

At the root of this understanding, there is compatible, sustainable and multilateral cooperation, and the projects have a one hundred percent success rate thanks to actors that take on suitable roles.

TİKA is huge presence in a number of countries. In Pakistan too, the organization is actively engaged in the development activities. It has offices in Islamabad and Karachi.=DNA



## Mayor of Islamabad to attend Mayors moot in Nur Sultan

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) –Ambassador of Kazakhstan, Akan Rakhmetullin met with Mayor of Islamabad Sheikh Anser Aziz on Monday.

The Ambassador extended invitation to Mayor from Mayor of Nur Sultan which he accepted.

The Mayor now will go to Nur Sultan to attend conference which will begin from October 9 till October 12

Both sides discussed matters of mutual interest and agreed to further enhance cooperation in various fields.

The Mayor briefed the ambassador about various initiatives of the MCI and wished to forge partnership with Kazakhstan in various related fields.=DNA



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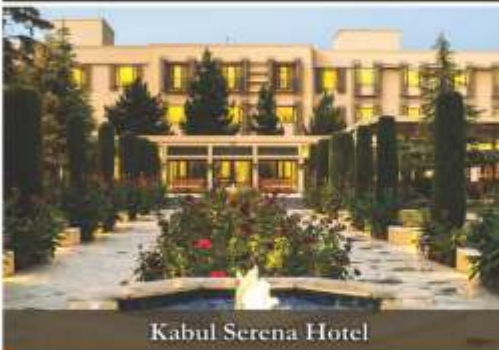
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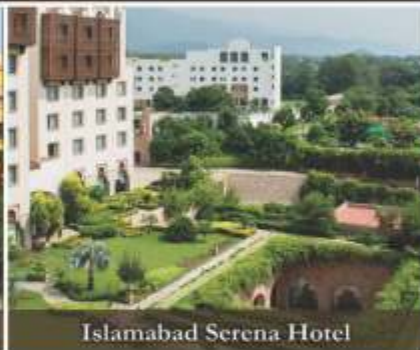
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# Mohenjo-daro

Mohenjo-daro meaning 'Mound of the Dead Men' is an archaeological site in the province of Sindh, Pakistan. Built around 2500 BCE, it was one of the largest settlements of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, and one of the world's earliest major cities, contemporaneous with the civilizations of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Minoan Crete, and Norte Chico.

Mohenjo-daro was abandoned in the 19th century BCE as the Indus Valley Civilization declined, and the site was not rediscovered until the 1920s. Significant excavation has since been conducted at the site of the city, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980. The site is currently threatened by erosion and improper restoration.

The city's original name is unknown. Based on his analysis of a Mohenjo-daro seal, Iravatham Mahadevan speculates that the city's ancient name could have been Kukkutarma ("the city [-rma] of the cockerel [kukkuta]"). Cock-fighting may have had ritual and religious significance for the city, with domesticated chickens bred there for sacred purposes, rather than as a food source. Mohenjo-daro may also have been a point of diffusion for the eventual worldwide domestication of chickens.

Mohenjo-daro, the modern name for the site, has been variously interpreted as "Mound of the Dead Men" in Sindhi, and as "Mound of Mohan" (where Mohan is Krishna).

The English translation to the Mound of the Dead appears to be wrong on 2 counts. First, Daro/ Dero in Sindhi means Camp. The word for Mound is Teela. So it could be Camp of the Dead. But that does not make logical sense. Second, in Sindhi Mohen does not translate to dead. The closest is "marno" for dead in Sindhi. So it possible that the Englishmen distorted the spelling from marno to mohen. And since a mound and burial site was present they called it Mound of the Dead. The commonly seen reason that the Mohen in Mohenjo daro comes from Mohan (Lord Krishna) also does not look convincing. However the simple and rather obvious explanation for Mohen jo daro is that there is community/ tribe of fishermen/



boatmen called Mohena who have lived in that area for centuries. They are sometimes also referred to a Mir Bahar (Lord of the Sea) . So Mohen jo Daro or Camp of the Mohena makes complete logical sense.

Mohenjo-daro is located west of the Indus River in Larkana District, Sindh, Pakistan, in a central position between the Indus River and the Ghaggar-Hakra River.

It is situated on a Pleistocene ridge in the

middle of the flood plain of the Indus River Valley, around 28 kilometres (17 mi) from the town of Larkana. The ridge was prominent during the time of the Indus Valley Civilization, allowing the city to stand above the surrounding flood, but subsequent flooding has since buried most of the ridge in silt deposits. The Indus still flows east of the site, but the Ghaggar-Hakra riverbed on the western side is now dry.

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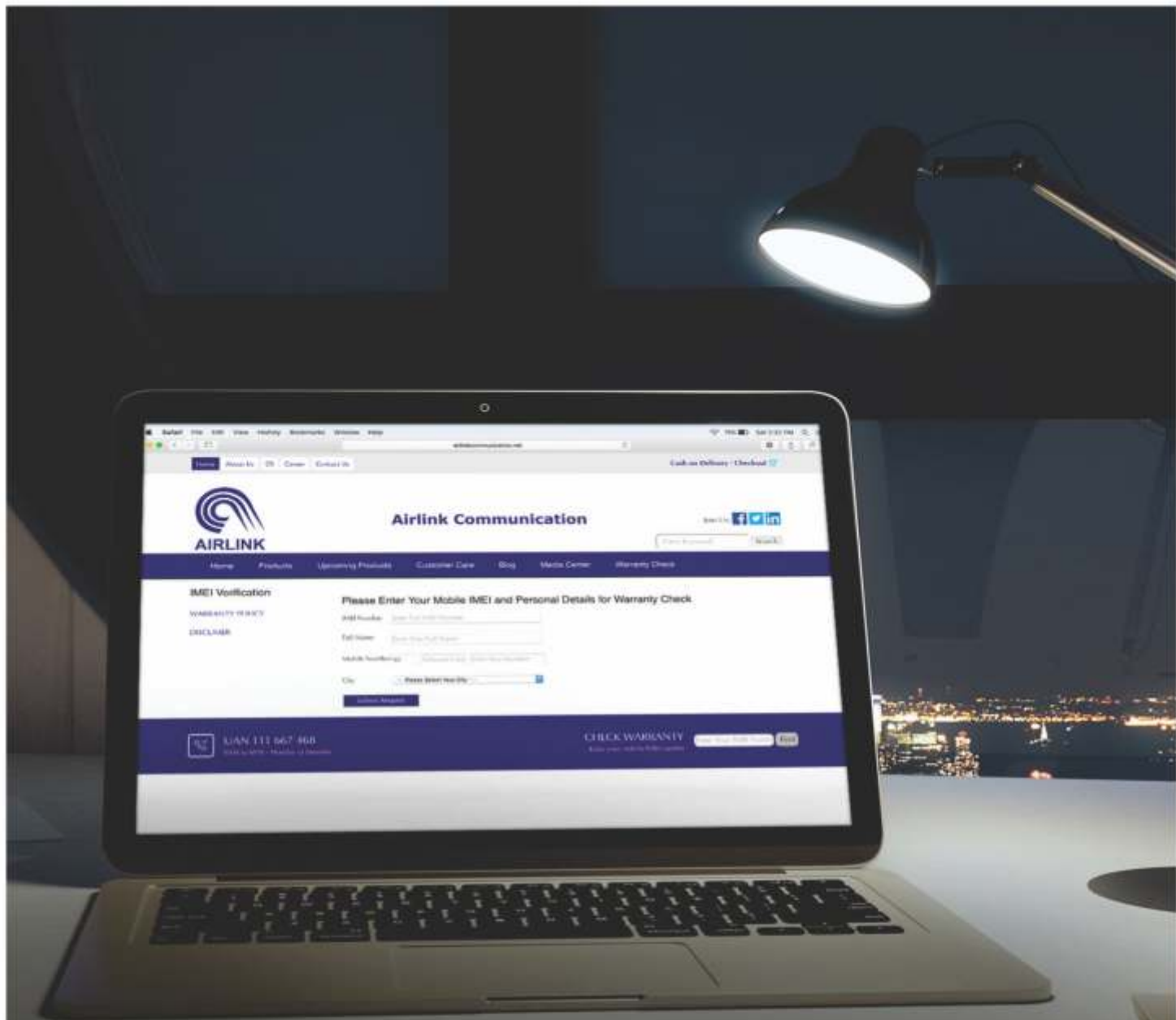
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# Belarus takes part in engineering and machinery exposition in Lahore

LAHORE, (DNA) – Belarus took part in the International Engineering and Machinery Exposition held at the International Engineering and Machinery Asia Exhibition IEMA 2019 starting on September 26.

The members of Belarusian industrial giants as well as high profile scientific and tourist organizations participated in the exhibition.

The exhibition took place as a positive outcome of a meeting between Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus and Imran Khan the Prime Minister of Pakistan in Bishkek in June 2019. The exhibition was held at Expo Center Lahore.

The exhibition was organized in line with Prime Minister Imran Khan's commitment to boost its industrial sector, develop Pakistani innovative businesses and promote tourism development.

The delegation of exhibitors from Belarus included representatives from the national leading companies specified in machinery, chemistry and petrochemistry as well as scientific, technological and tourist spheres.

Belarus-Pakistan Forum also took place on September 27 in order to further promote and strengthen trade and business ties between the two countries.

The Forum became one of the many events dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Belarus and Pakistan. Among other things it was designed to provide additional economic grounds for a constructive dialogue between the leadership of both nations.

This B2B event provided the Pakistani businessmen with a good opportunity to conduct direct negotiations with the most prominent Belarusian enterprises.

The Forum allowed the audiences to learn more about the economic potential of Belarus and will provide an opportunity to conduct direct negotiations with the most prominent Belarusian exporters. =DNA





## Mayor of Namangan meets Punjab governor Chaudhary Sarwar, other officials

LAHORE, (DNA) – Mayor of Namangan city Shavkat Abdurazaqov hold a meeting with respected Governor of Punjab province Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar in Governor House Lahore.

First time in bilateral relations were discussed perspectives of direct interregional cooperation in the fields of trade, investments, culture and tourism. Governor of Punjab and Mayor of Namangan highly evaluated increase of bilateral trade for three times in 2018 and its continuously dynamic in this year. It was stressed that both countries have lots of similarities especially in faith, history, traditions and culture.

Both sides were agree on important of further strengthen on win-win business relations, especially in the fields of trade and investments.

It was warmly mentioned of historical important of Uzbekistan, especially the period of The Great Baburids in Lahore.



Mayor of Namangan city invited Governor of Punjab to pay official visit to Uzbekistan.

## Lahore, Uzbek city Namangan declared sister cities



LAHORE, (DNA) – Today on 18 September during the visit of the Mayor of Namangan city Shavkat Abdurazaqov to Lahore signed a historical document – a Partnership Agreement between Namangan and Lahore. From today both cities are deemed as sister cities. Signed Agreement comprises establishment of

cooperation on trade, economical, cultural and touristic issues.

Such agreement and established equal cooperation ties opened new era of Uzbekistan and Pakistan interregional relations.

Visit of the Mayor of Namangan city continues. =DNA

# 28TH Anniversary of Independence Day of Uzbekistan

## Visitors enjoy Uzbek delights at Independence Day reception



**I**SLAMABAD, (DNA) Ambassador of Uzbekistan Furqat Sidikov hosted a colorful reception to mark 28th Anniversary of the Independence of Uzbekistan.

Omar Ayub Khan Federal Minister for Petroleum was the chief guest while a large number of guests hailing from various walks of

after national anthems and cake cutting ceremony. The Uzbek ambassador gave a guided tour to the minister and briefed him about various Uzbek delicacies.

Likewise, dry fruit stall was yet another attraction for the visitors. Different kinds of dry fruit packed in small boxes lured attention of audience, majority of them picked more



life attended the reception.

The embassy also established special kiosks where various Uzbek products were exhibited. A kiosk displaying fruits from Uzbekistan got special attention of the guests.

Even the chief guest could not resist the temptation and went straight to the fruit stall

than one boxes to enjoy the Uzbek delight to the full.

Uzbekistan ranks top among the Central Asian countries when it comes to development particularly in religious tourism and transportation infrastructure.

The new Uzbek government is committed to





promote religious tourism and after government's concerted efforts number of people visiting Uzbekistan for religious tourism has increased manifold. Even from Pakistan a great influx of tourists heads to Uzbekistan on daily basis for religious as well other tourism attractions. Direct flights from Lahore to Uzbekistan have made it easy for the tourists of both countries to commute regularly. Uzbekistan's agriculture sector is yet another

sphere where the country has made progress by leaps and bounds. Uzbek embassy in Islamabad has held a number of road shows exhibiting Uzbek potential in the agriculture field. Pakistan and Uzbekistan are in close contact to promote and strengthen bilateral cooperation in agriculture field. Pakistan can increase its cotton yield to a great extent by using Uzbek machinery, which happens to be the best in the world. =DNA

# Sacred defence week of Iran celebrated



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# US, British envoys make a rare appearance at Ukraine day reception

Ambassador Volodymyr Lakomov says relations with Pakistan excellent

**By A.M.BHATTI**

**I**SLAMABAD, (DNA) – Ambassador of Ukraine Volodymyr Lakomov hosted a grand reception to celebrate 28th anniversary of Independence Day of Ukraine.

The US and British envoys made a special appearance at the event to make the independence day function unique as both of them do not attend such receptions on regular basis.

Their presence ostensibly sent strong signals to the Russians that the United States of America and Britain were on the side of Ukraine in its tussle with the Russian Federation.

Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Syed Fakhar Imam was the chief guest.

Apart from US and Britain, ambassadors and high commissioners of the European countries were also conspicuous with their presence thus showing solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the Ukraine government.

Ambassador of Ukraine Volodymyr Lakomov in his remarks thanked all those attending the reception in large numbers adding his country wished to have friendly relations with all.

He said Pakistan was among our best friends. "Today both Ukraine and Pakistan share close and special relationship. Both





countries strive to achieve stability, human development and economic growth for the well being of all citizens. He said these commonalities make the connection and collaboration between Ukraine and Pakistan so natural and fertile.

The ambassador said Ukraine as a proud sovereign nation existed since very ancient time in European continent. The first European democratic constitution, the Ukrainian one, was written in 1710.

He said Ukrainians are said to be born free because freedom has always been at the forefront of all political and social processes in Ukraine. Ambassador Lakomov added "today we continue to struggle for freedom and independent development. This year many important events took place in our country- among them were the presidential and parliamentary elections".

He said the international leading experts clearly demonstrated the high level standards of mature democracy in Ukraine.

He said, the newly-elected President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy received majority of votes of Ukrainians. With this tremendous victory he demonstrated a strong intention to lead Ukraine to a prosperous future.

While touching upon salient features of Ukraine foreign policy, the ambassador said Ukraine was shaped by clearly defined priorities. Cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union was a strategic choice based on shared history and values.

"Within the aim to implement European values we move consistently and responsibly in implementing reforms and joint projects.

Slower inflation, reduced budget deficit have already led to economic growth which is according to the latest statistics one of the highest in Europe", he added.

He however noted that Ukraine still faces security challenges and fights against Russian aggression not only for its own independence and sovereignty but for the freedom and security of the whole Europe.

Russia, he said, should not and will not undermine Ukraine's reform agenda for the democratic choice of its people to live in a free and fair society. =DNA



## Azerbaijan ambassador meets Rector NUML



**Ali Alizada, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan met with Major General (Retired) Muhammad Jaffar, Rector of the National University of Modern Languages of Pakistan.**

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# Senator Enwer Baig hosts dinner for newly arrived Political Counselor of US embassy Terry Steers-Gonzalez







## UAE envoy welcomes board members of Sheikh Zayed Academy

ISLAMABAD, SEPT 20 (DNA) - Hamad Al Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Pakistan, welcomed the Board of Trustees of Sheikh Zayed International Academy.

He hosted a lunch for the visiting delegation and Principal Wafa Abdul Ghaffar at his residence.

Ambassador Alzaabi also presented a shield to Board of Trustees. During the bilateral meetings affairs of the Academy were discussed in detail.

The ambassador apprised them of the working of the Academy and its contribution towards promote of quality education.



The Board members lauded the commitment and dedication of the Academy and its staff and hoped it will continue to provide quality and modern education. =DNA

# Italian 'Compagnia SoleLuna' performs at Serena Hotel

Aziz Boolani CEO of Serena Hotels: "We are delighted to welcome the Italian performers to Pakistan"



ISLAMABAD (DNA) -The Embassy of the Republic of Italy in Pakistan and Serena Hotels collaborated to host a fundraising gala, Rhythms & Passion of Southern Italy. The Gala event featured a performance by an internationally acclaimed Italian Folk Rock Ensemble "Compagnia SoleLuna."

The famed Neapolitan Folk Rock Group has an extensive repertoire of Southern Italian popular music and dance, centered on the "Pizzica", the "Taranta" and the Neapolitan "Tammurriata" that epitomize the fire, the rhythms and contemporary vision.

Serena Hotels and the Italian Embassy were able to raise Eight Million, Ten Thousand Rupees from the proceedings of the black-tie event, which went towards Shifa Foundation that is creating awareness for the early detection of an autistic child, their proper handling, care and cure. The event was graced by the presence of a well-known Italian specialist in Autism, Prof. Filippo Muratori. He is currently the Professor of Child and Adolescent Neuropsychiatry at the University of Pisa. A live auction was also held during the event where 3 paintings were displayed which were made by autistic children from Oasis School, Lahore.

Guests made generous bids and all three paintings were sold within a few minutes. A lottery draw was held after the auction which gave away authentic Italian made gift items, a return air ticket from Islamabad to Rome and various other gift vouchers.

Aziz Boolani, CEO of Serena Hotels, said, "We are delighted to welcome the Italian performers to Pakistan. Serena Hotels is privileged to be able to host events that strengthen the cultural exchange between Pakistan and Italy while at the same time supporting a cause dear to our hearts – providing support for autism."

He added that Serena is a platform that provides the space and opportunity for cultural exchanges by bringing unique and unusual talent to Islamabad and will continue to do so in the future.

Ambassador of Italy in Pakistan, H.E Stefano Pontecarvo thanked all the guests for their contribution towards generating funds towards the cause and added, "Autism in children coming from under-privileged families often goes undetected. These donations will ensure the correct steps are taken to raise awareness about the condition and to encourage behavioral therapy in those affected." DNA





## APO-NPO International Conference on Green Productivity at Islamabad Serena Hotel

The conference titled "APO-NPO International Conference on Green Productivity "Material Flow Cost Accounting", was jointly organized by Asian Productivity Organization (APO) and National Productivity Organization (NPO) of Pakistan, hosted by Islamabad Serena Hotel. Around 250 participants from various industries attended the conference. Mr. Amin Aslam (federal minister and adviser to PM for climate change), Mr. Aziz Boolani (CEO South Asia and Central Asia Serena Hotels), Mr. Michel A. Galopin (GM ISH) were the chief guests for the Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA) conference. 3 companies from different sectors of the economy, Grand Engineering Private Limited, Lahore from Engineering Sector, Asian Food Industries Limited, from Food & Beverages sector, and Islamabad Serena Hotel from service sector, were selected on their interest to become more resource efficient. The conference underlined the need for MFCA methodology, a cost effective method for recycling to prevent the environmental pollution caused by the industrial sector. Mr Alex Yep briefly introduced the MFCA tool and how any



industry can adapt to it. Mr. Lau Boon Wei, an APO representative from Japan, gave the program's overview. Mr. Omer Khalil from ISH summarized ISH's journey of MFCA project implementation and its outcomes; by implementing MFCA, ISH was able to reduce its food

wastage, energy consumption as well as water usage from its major operations e.g. laundry, staff locker. Similarly, representatives from each selected sectors summarized their MFCA project journey and its outcomes.



## Pakistan, Malaysian agree to deepen bilateral cooperation

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ISLAMABAD, (DNA) – The Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia Tan Sri Dato Ariff Bin Md Yusof, presently on a visit to Pakistan, called on Prime Minister Imran Khan today.

The Prime Minister appreciated Prime Minister Mahathir's statements supporting just and durable solution of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN charter and relevant UNSC resolutions.

He said that Prime Minister Mahathir was a source of inspiration for all developing countries and the Muslim world.

Prime Minister expressed the desire to

further deepen ties between the two countries. He said that there was an immense potential to increase trade and investment between the two countries in particular for promotion and development of tourism in Pakistan.

The Prime Minister briefed the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia on the recent developments in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJ&K).

He highlighted the dire humanitarian crisis and worsening regional peace and security situation due to India's illegal actions.

India was acting in complete disregard of

international law and in violation of UNSC resolutions. India had deployed 900,000 troops in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir to suppress the Kashmiri people.

Since 05 August, an indefensible lockdown had continued with curfew, communications blockade, and severe shortage of food and medicines.

The Prime Minister stressed the imperative of immediate lifting of the curfew and other restrictions and the international community playing its role in facilitating a just and durable solution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. =DNA

## Malaysian parliament delegation meets President Alvi

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) -President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that India's illegal and unilateral alteration of the disputed status of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoJ&K) and its demographic structure contravenes numerous UNSC resolutions, international law and India's own prior commitments.

Jammu and Kashmir was not an internal matter of India, rather it was a longstanding internationally recognized dispute on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, he added.

The President said this while talking to a delegation of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Malaysia, led by the Speaker, Sri Dato Mohamad Ariff Bin Md Yusof, who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today.

Speaker, National Assembly, Asad Qaiser was also present on the occasion.

The President informed the delegation that India had deployed 900,000 troops in (IoJ&K) and there had been a clampdown in (IoJ&K), with continued curfew, communications blockade and a severe shortage of food and medicines since 05th



August 2019.

This serious human rights and humanitarian situation was accompanied by grave risks to peace and security, he added.

He said that Indian fascist regime was alienating the minorities through its fascist policies and had given the RSS extremists a license to kill. He further said that there was possibility of false flag operations by India, imperiling peace in the region.

He hoped that Malaysia would play its rightful role in highlighting the issue at all international fora to help prevent threats to

peace and security and facilitate a peaceful resolution of Jammu & Kashmir dispute. The President also appreciated the leadership of Turkey, Malaysia, and Pakistan for establishing an English news channel to effectively highlight the message of Islam and combat Islamophobia.

He also appreciated Malaysia for its support to Pakistan on Kashmir at UNGA, on FATF and ASEAN. President Dr. Arif Alvi said that Pakistan and Malaysia enjoyed friendly and cordial relations, which had been further cemented by the recent high level visits from both sides.



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# 59TH Independence Day of Nigeria

## Nigerian envoy keen to enhance ties with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) -Maj. Gen (Retd) Ashimiyu Adebayo Olaniyi High Commissioner of Federal Republic has said both countries enjoy good cordial relations for the last many years but these relations could not be translated into economic term due to different reasons.

He expressed these views while speaking on the occasion of 59th anniversary of Independence of Nigeria. Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Azam Swati was the chief guest.

The high commissioner further said trade volume between the two countries needs to be improved. He said that Nigeria offers great investment and business opportunities to Pakistan in a number of areas including oil and gas, pharmaceutical, textile, minerals and mining, shipping, agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

Azam Swati also spoke on the occasion and said both Pakistan and Nigeria enjoy excellent relations.

He said Nigeria is very important country therefore Pakistan is looking for to have increased engagement with Nigeria in order to have access to other African countries thru Nigeria.



Azam Swati also talked about PTI government priorities especially on the

foreign front and termed PM recent visit to UNGA a great success. He said the international community

needed to pay attention to plight of the suffering Kashmiri people before it was too late. =DNA

# Nepalese ambassador seeks stronger ties with Pakistan



ISLAMABAD, (DNA) -Ambassador of Nepal Sewa Lamsal has said relations between Nepal and Pakistan are getting stronger with the each passing day adding both countries have huge potential in various fields, which if exploited, can further strengthen bilateral ties. She expressed these views on the occasion of Constitution and National Day of Nepal. State Minister for Climate Change Zartaj Gul Wazir

She said she deeply valued the wisdom and teachings of Gautam Buddha, known in Pakistan as the Gandhara civilization and want to spread the message of peace on the momentous occasion of 2561th Buddha Jayanti. Shakyamuni Gautam Buddha was born as a prince in the royal palace garden of Lumbini, Nepal in 623 BC. While the footprint of Gautam Buddha was

in Nepal as the Tourism Year and expecting over two million tourists in the country. She invited all stakeholders in Pakistan who want to promote tourism, to come to Nepal and explore avenues of cooperation in this particular field. The ambassador also called for promoting people to people contacts through various activities including sports. She wished Pakistan all the best, peace and prosperity.



was the chief guest while former Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani also attended the reception. Further dilating upon bilateral relations the ambassador said, "Our relations are based on friendship, goodwill, mutual respect, sovereign equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other. These relations are time tested and have been growing strengths to strengths at all levels".

started in the Garden of Lumbini, the practice and teachings of Gautam Buddha was spread all over Asia, including Pakistan and remains one of the richest heritages and civilizations in the world. The ambassador said Nepalese government is paying special attention to promote its tourism industry and encouraging more and more tourists to visit Nepal. She added, the year 2020 shall be celebrated

In Nepal, she said we cherish this day as heritage with a great passion to reaffirm our commitments to peace and commemorate the life and contributions of the Sakyamuni Gautam Buddha to the humanity and nature. "It was a proud moment for me to visit the museums of Taxila, Lahore and Swat and learn more about the precious heritages, monuments and relics in different parts of Pakistan. The archeological site of ancient





## IRS holds roundtable with EU acting ambassador

ISLAMABAD, (DNA) :- The Institute of Regional Studies held a roundtable with Ms. Anne Marchal, acting ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Pakistan on "EU's Global Strategy" (EUGS) 2016 and its 2019 report on Looking Forward.

Ms. Marchal's power point presentation showed that EUGS set out the EU's core interests and principles for engaging in the world, expressed in the "alphabetical soup" of a more connected, contested, and complex world.

While EU's strategy primarily focused on its immediate neighbourhood with migration as a key issue, EUGS expands the concept to security emanating from different geographic regions and focuses on preventive measures.

These included socio-economic development, the environmental degradation (including in the Arctic), illegal migration, and countering disinformation. She added that the strategy also set out medium- to long-term objectives as well as the steps required to get there.

Ms. Marchal, who is an EU "South Asian hand" having served several times in Delhi and Dhakka, while also covering the Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, said the impetus had to be from within the region. Dr. Qamber mentioned that during 2018 and this year, IRS had held two international workshops on EU's core concerns: "Countering Human Trafficking in the Broader South Asian Region" and "Fake News in Our Region" in collaboration with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the American Consulate.

Other participants of the roundtable were Dr. Amr Elsayed Nasreldin Elsayed, First Secretary of the Egyptian Embassy, Prof. Safer Awan, Dean Faculty of Language and Linguistics at NUML – with which IRS is collaborating in its Area Studies program including interns for outstanding students – as well as senior IRS researchers.

Ms. Marchal was pleasantly surprised at IRS out-research across the country, including the large number of students at NUML. =DNA



Taxila University speaks louder than the words about the legacy of higher education about Buddhism in this region".

The ambassador said, all these living testimonies and traditions in Pakistan have inspired her to organize the Peace Walks 2017, 18 and 19 to commemorate this special day and seek solidarity to this noble cause.

The ambassador expressed hope that we will use this day to reflect on our work and usher in peace, progress, and prosperity as homage Gautam Buddha. =DNA

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