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PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN, H.E. ASIF ALI ZARDARI,

It was a tremendous honor for me when the Ambassador of Russia kindly introduced me to the **President of Pakistan, H.E. Asif Ali Zardari**, as **Syed Usman Tahir, Advisor to the Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi**, and **CEO of Niftysphere Institute of Arts & Design**.

The Ambassador graciously highlighted our contribution to Russian National Day, including the choreography and the design and presentation of traditional cultural costumes. I am sincerely grateful for this recognition and support, and I will always cherish this memorable moment.



RUSSIAN NATIONAL DAY

For the celebration of Russian National Day, the traditional costumes were specially designed by **Niftysphere Institute of Arts & Design**. The project was carried out under the supervision of **Ms. Sidrat-ul-Muntaha, Head of Department**, who led the creative process with exceptional dedication and professionalism.

Together with her staff and students, she played a key role in conceptualizing and developing the costumes, ensuring that each design reflected cultural authenticity, artistic excellence, and fine craftsmanship.

This collaborative effort showcases the creativity, talent, and commitment of the Niftysphere team in fostering cultural exchange through fashion and design.



U.S NATIONAL DAY

Niftysphere Institute of Arts & Design Showcases "Rhythm of Freedom" at U.S. National Day Celebration

The Niftysphere Institute of Arts & Design proudly presented its creatively designed Freedom Bell, titled "Rhythm of Freedom," at the U.S. National Day celebration in Islamabad. The artwork was designed by talented artists Sidra tul Muntaha, Zara Musawir, and Abdul Hanan, reflecting the values of freedom, cultural diversity, creativity, and mutual understanding.

The bell attracted significant attention from diplomats, ambassadors, and distinguished guests attending the event. Visitors highly appreciated the artistic excellence, innovative design, and powerful message conveyed through the artwork, making it one of the notable highlights of the celebration.

Syed Usman Tahir, Advisor to the Federal Minister, Ministry of National Heritage & Culture, and CEO of Niftysphere Institute of Arts & Design, is seen alongside **CHARGE D'AFFAIRES NATALIE A. BAKER US Embassy Islamabad, Pakistan**. Their presence symbolizes the importance of cultural diplomacy and the strengthening of people-to-people connections through art and creative expression.



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Lahore tragedy: a stark reminder of neglected realities



A DEVASTATING tragedy struck the provincial capital Lahore on June 30, 2026 when the roof of a tuition center collapsed, killing 14 innocent children who had gathered there to study. The incident has shaken the conscience of Punjab and the nation at large, exposing the stark contrast between official claims of progress and the grim realities faced by ordinary citizens. The collapse was not merely an accident; it was the culmination of years of neglect, poverty, and systemic failure. Families struggling to make ends meet cannot afford to repair their homes or community buildings. For millions across Punjab, dilapidated structures are not a choice but a harsh reality. When survival itself is a daily battle, house repairs or safety upgrades remain an unaffordable luxury.

Parents send their children to tuition centers hoping to secure a better future through education. Instead, they were forced to bury them under rubble. This tragedy is emblematic of the silent suffering endured by countless households across the province.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has often highlighted her government's achievements, pointing to initiatives such as laptops for students, green and yellow buses, metro projects like the Orange Line, and schemes like Kissan Cards. While these programs may serve as political optics, the tuition center collapse underscores that they do little to address the fundamental needs of the people. The economic situation in Punjab mirrors the broader national crisis. Acute price hikes, unemployment, and lack of merit-based opportunities have left families vulnerable. Social welfare remains absent, leaving the poor to fend for themselves. The tuition center collapse is not an isolated incident—it is the story of millions living in unsafe, crumbling houses across Punjab and beyond.

While Punjab's size and budget make its failures more glaring, the situation is not unique to the province. Across Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, families face similar struggles. Poverty, unemployment, and lack of social welfare are national issues. The collapse in Lahore is a symbol of a broader malaise afflicting Pakistan's governance and development model. Projects like metro lines, bus fleets, and technology giveaways may create headlines, but they cannot transform Pakistan into a welfare state. True development requires rule of law, meritocracy, equal distribution of resources, law and order, and a corruption-free society. These are the foundations of sustainable progress, yet they remain absent from political discourse because they offer no immediate kickbacks, commissions, or personal projections.

Pakistan, after 78 years of independence, continues to search for a messiah—a leader who can deliver justice, equality, and prosperity. Each new government promises change, but the cycle of neglect and mismanagement persists. The collapse in Lahore is not just about a roof; it is about the collapse of governance, accountability, and social responsibility. The grieving families of Lahore are not alone. They represent millions across Pakistan who live in fear of similar tragedies, whether from unsafe housing, lack of healthcare, or absence of social protection. Their plight is a reminder that Pakistan's journey toward becoming a welfare state remains unfinished. Rule of law must be enforced to ensure accountability and safety standards. Meritocracy must replace nepotism and favoritism in governance. Equal resource distribution must ensure that budgets serve the people, not political optics. Corruption-free society must become the cornerstone of reform. Social welfare must be institutionalized to protect vulnerable families. Without these pillars, Pakistan will continue to witness tragedies like the one in Lahore. The collapse of a tuition center roof in Lahore, killing 14 children, is more than a local disaster, it is a national indictment. It exposes the fragility of Pakistan's social fabric and the failure of governance to protect its most vulnerable citizens. As families mourn their children, the nation must confront the uncomfortable truth: development cannot be measured in buses, laptops, or publicity campaigns. It must be measured in safety, welfare, justice, and dignity for all.

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 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 launched Diplomatic News Agency (DNA) in 2012. In May 2020 he launched Pakistan's First & only Diplomatic Newspaper Daily Islamabad POST.

Fred Senevirathne

Sri Lanka: climbing global rankings in governance and integrity

High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Pakistan, Fred Senevirathne, speaks to Centreline, Daily Islamabad Post, and Diplomatic News Agency. In an extensive conversation, High Commissioner Fred Senevirathne highlighted the deep-rooted Pakistan–Sri Lanka ties and shared his vision for strengthening them further. Here is the text of his interview

Ansar Mahmood Bhatti



1: Bilateral ties: How would you describe the current state of Sri Lanka–Pakistan relations, especially in defense and strategic cooperation?

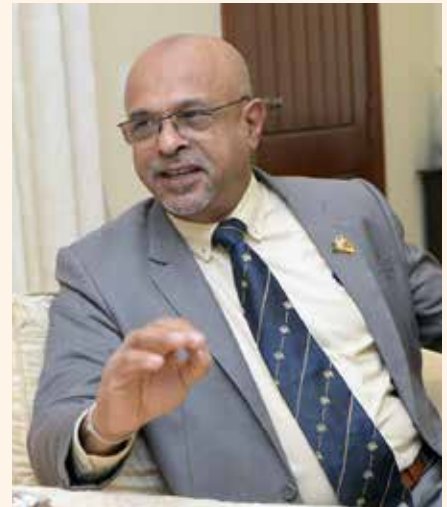
Allow me to start by expressing my sincere thanks to Centreline Magazine for granting me this platform. I am deeply honored to contribute to such an esteemed outlet and to share my views on the state of relations between our two nations, as well as the many promising prospects for future collaboration.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka share a strong, longstanding friendship rooted in mutual understanding and trust. We have always stood by each other in times of need. In recent years, however, regular consultations in key areas were disrupted by unavoidable circumstances, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Sri Lanka's economic crisis, and certain regional developments. As the Sri Lankan Mission, we have clearly taken note of this and are working diligently to harness the untapped potential and further strengthen our bilateral relations.

In the defence sector, we have a very close and smooth relationship. Regular Defense and Security Talks are conducted between Defence Secretaries and Service Chiefs. At any given time, approximately 100 Sri Lankan military personnel are being trained in Pakistan. Recently, one Pakistani submarine and two naval ships paid a goodwill visit to Sri Lanka, and one Sri Lankan Army contingent participated in a joint training exercise.

2: Regional security: What role can Sri Lanka and Pakistan play together in ensuring regional peace and countering terrorism?

Beyond land-based threats, both nations are critical Indian Ocean littoral states and are prone to non-traditional security challenges such as piracy, narcotics trafficking, human smuggling, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Unlike traditional threats, these typically stem from non-state actors or systemic factors and cannot be solved by any single country.



Therefore, maritime security and domain awareness represent, a key area for bilateral collaboration. Leveraging our shared strategic geography within the Indian Ocean, the establishment of a formalized intelligence-sharing framework would facilitate a unified response to these threats.

3. Trade potential: Bilateral trade volume is around \$500 million. What sectors do you see as most promising for expansion under the Free Trade Agreement?

First, let me briefly explain the Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Although the Pakistan Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (PSFTA) has been in place for some time, its potential remains largely untapped. Data shows a significant disparity in utilization rates: Sri Lanka's is around 10%, compared to Pakistan's 35%, which has contributed to the current trade balance being in Pakistan's favor.

Therefore, I believe a critical review and modernization of the PSFTA itself is essential to ensure it remains relevant and mutually beneficial. This review should focus on achieving balanced concessions by critically examining and potentially reducing the negative lists that currently restrict market access. It should also include the addition of country specific products that are in high demand.

When it comes to conventional trade, the export baskets of both countries are largely similar, offering limited scope for expansion. Nevertheless, there is room to introduce new, nation-specific products that face rising demand from the other side, this issue can be taken up during the upcoming meeting of the Economic Joint Commission. However, tourism and hospitality, agriculture and livestock, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, and textiles and apparel represent as most viable areas for economic cooperation such as joint ventures.

4: Investment opportunities: How can Sri Lanka attract Pakistani investors, and vice versa?

I would like to take this opportunity

to explain in detail the key investor-friendly conditions that make Sri Lanka an advantageous destination for potential Pakistani investors.

Financial Benefits

The standard corporate income tax rate is 28%. However, a reduced rate of 14% is provided for specific sectors, as such as Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), Export of goods and services, IT and Education, Tourism and Agriculture.

Strategic Location

As you all know, our strategic location is one of our greatest strengths. Sri Lanka is situated at the center of major maritime trade routes, connecting the Far East, Middle East, Africa, Australia, Europe, and the

Airlines offers direct flights from various international destinations, including four weekly frequencies from Lahore and Karachi. Strong connections are also provided by numerous Middle Eastern carriers such as Emirates, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Oman Air, flydubai, and Air Arabia, which offer convenient one stop access to Sri Lanka for travelers from Europe, North America, and beyond. A wide array of Asian airlines—including Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia, Singapore Airlines, IndiGo, Air India, and Fits Air—also fly to Sri Lanka, along with several European carriers like British Airways and Turkish Airlines.

Capable Work force

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Americas providing easy access for global shipping. We also have two major deep-water ports with multiple container terminals, extensive berthing facilities, and a variety of modern cranes and equipment. These ports offer services for car carriers, container, break bulk, and bulk cargo. They also provide specialized services such as bunkering, ship repair, and support for the oil & gas and cruise ship sectors.

Air Connectivity

Air connectivity plays a major role in economic development and provides a significant advantage to investors. In the case of Sri Lanka, the national carrier Sri Lankan

highly literate and cost-effective labor pool, with significant talent in the engineering, IT, apparel, and tourism fields. We also have a strong pipeline of vocational graduates for various fields.

Internal Transportation

The country has an extensive road network and a railway system that seamlessly connects the commercial capital, Colombo, with the rest of the country.

Telecommunications

Our telecommunications infrastructure has been rapidly modernized, resulting in excellent mobile network coverage across the entire island. This robust con-

nectivity enables advanced e-commerce and digital banking services.

Special Economic Zones

There are 12 Export Processing Zones (EPZs) operating under the Board of Investment (BOI), offering dedicated facilities and incentives for exporters such as, approval and facilitation for export and import documentation, engineering approvals such as building plans, centralized water and sewage facility, around the clock security coverage

5: Gandhara heritage: Pakistan's Gandhara Buddhist heritage has been showcased to Sri Lankan monks. How do you see cultural diplomacy strengthening ties?

Cultural diplomacy serves as a powerful tool to strengthen the bonds between the peoples of Pakistan and Sri Lanka by fostering mutual understanding, respect, and appreciation for each other's rich traditions and heritage. However, the majority of the Buddhist community in Sri Lanka remains unaware of the Buddhist heritage existing in the Gandhara civilization in Pakistan, and of how the Pakistani government preserves and safeguards it.

Despite this lack of awareness, Sri Lankans immensely value the Buddhist heritage of the Gandhara civilization, including all artifacts preserved at museums and the Dharmarajika Stupa. For instance, the sacred Buddha relic kept at the Taxila Museum is considered a very holy religious object.

In this context, commemorating Wesak Day at Dharmarajika Stupa and the Taxila Museum, and showcasing it to Buddhist monks and Buddhist communities from other countries, has proven to be a remarkable event. One Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka who attended was highly impressed and promised to spread the news through his sermons to the Buddhist community back home. Moreover, after seeing the ceremony on social media, a Sri Lankan Buddhist association based in Australia contacted me and expressed its willingness to visit the Gandhara civilization.

Therefore, I believe Pakistan should leverage the Gandhara region, the major pilgrimage site for Buddhists to attract travelers from Sri Lanka's majority Buddhist population. By doing so, Pakistan can turn cultural diplomacy into a concrete driver of religious tourism and people to people ties.

6: Public diplomacy: How can media collaborations between Sri Lanka and Pakistan enhance people-to-people contact?

As earlier mentioned, Pakistan and Sri Lanka share a strong, longstanding friendship rooted in mutual understanding and trust. People to people bonding through cultural exchange, trade, education, and tourism are vital factor for any bilateral re-



lationship. However, some sectors in both countries remain unaware of each other's true potential.

In this technologically advanced era, media can play a huge role in enhancing awareness and strengthening these people-to-people bonds. Recognizing this, the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Bureau (SLTDB) conducted two road shows in Karachi and Lahore last year. This year, further events involving media from both countries are already planned. Very recently, the Sri Lanka Tourist Promotion Board invited ten media and tour operators from Pakistan and successfully conducted a programme.

I hope that Pakistan will also conduct a similar programme in Sri Lanka, thereby completing a reciprocal effort to deepen mutual awareness and friendship through the power of media.

7: Climate cooperation: Both countries face climate challenges. Are there joint initiatives planned in renewable energy or disaster management?

Yes, as you said, both countries are prone to climate change challenges and have very recently experienced severe disasters. As a result, there are jointly planned initiatives for disaster management. In this context, the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Centre (DMC) maintains a close relationship with Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Beyond this bilateral cooperation, Sri Lanka is an active member of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) and has attended all of its programs, benefiting from regional knowledge sharing and capacity building. This regional

engagement complements the direct collaboration with Pakistan.

Building on these foundations, every year Sri Lanka and Pakistan conduct a virtual exercise on Anticipatory Action for floods, cyclones, and droughts. These exercises help both countries align their early warning systems and response protocols. In a significant step forward, in 2023 Sri Lanka hosted the Sustainable Anticipatory Action Programme, a regional event that strengthened cooperation on forecast-based disaster financing and proactive response.

High-level exchanges have further solidified this partnership. The Director General of NDMA visited Sri Lanka in 2022, and high-level officials from the Sri Lanka Disaster Management Centre visited NDMA in 2024. These reciprocal visits have deepened mutual understanding and opened avenues for technical collaboration.

However, to further enhance Sri Lanka's disaster management capabilities, Sri Lanka must plan to obtain assistance from Pakistan, particularly in terms of knowledge, practical experience, and specialized equipment. By leveraging Pakistan's extensive hands-on experience in large scale flood response, drought management, and emergency logistics, Sri Lanka can build a more resilient disaster management system ready for future climate challenge.

8: Security concerns: With terrorism and extremism still a threat, how can Colombo and Islamabad cooperate more effectively?

Terrorism and extremism directly affect any country's political stability, economic development, and social harmony. Sri

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Lanka suffered heavily from both of these scourges. Two stark examples are the three decade long civil war fought against the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and the Easter Sunday attack of 2019, in which an extremist Islamic group targeted Christian churches and leading hotels. Today, Pakistan faces a similar situation, and this threat now affects every aspect of the country.

It is important to recall that during Sri Lanka's civil war against the LTTE, Pakistan provided crucial assistance, including training and military hardware. Sri Lankans consider this support a major contributory factor in ending the separatist war. In a spirit of reciprocity, Sri Lanka now possesses hard earned expertise in successfully concluding a separatist civil war. Therefore, Sri Lanka can share its experience to help enhance Pakistan's own counter terrorism and counter extremism strategies. This would be a meaningful way to build on the steadfast support Pakistan provided to Sri Lanka during its own challenges, fostering a truly reciprocal security partnership.

To ensure that this partnership remains innovative and sustainable over the long term, we should also foster robust links between our defence academies and think tanks. Es-

tablating joint research initiatives can drive progress in critical fields such as artificial intelligence and defence production. Concrete steps could include the co development of specific technologies, for example unmanned aerial vehicles or the modernization of naval vessels. Such cooperation would not only strengthen bilateral ties but also contribute to regional stability.

9: Anything you would like to add?

I take this opportunity to explain the current political and economic situation in Sri Lanka. As you may be aware, our nation has endured one of the most difficult periods in its modern history, a 30-year separatist civil war that ended in 2009, the devastating Easter Sunday attacks in 2019, and a severe economic crisis between 2022 and 2023 caused by political and financial mismanagement. These events brought us to our knees and tested the strength of our people and institutions. But from this hardship, a new Sri Lanka has emerged, determined to rebuild itself as a stable, transparent, and forward-looking nation.

Following that economic crisis, a new government, the National People's Power (NPP), came to power with a strong mandate, securing more than a two-thirds majority. I am proud to say that under the

visionary leadership of President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, our country is now on a path of resilience and transformation. Today, our political environment is stable and our economy is growing. With IMF guidance, we have regained macroeconomic stability, our exchange rate is steady, our reserves are no longer at alarming levels, and our export earnings have increased over the past year. We have also seen a strong recovery in tourism, with the highest number of visitors in recent times.

This progress is backed by serious governance and anti-corruption reforms that have gained international recognition. Just three months ago, IMF Managing Director Dr. Kristalina Georgieva acknowledged our government's efforts during her visit. Additionally, Sri Lanka has climbed 14 places in Transparency International's 2025 Corruption Perceptions Index, now ranking 107th out of 180 countries. Given this context of stability, reform, and growth, we see great opportunities for investment, whether on your own or through joint ventures. I therefore respectfully invite the Pakistani business community to explore the growing potential of Sri Lanka as a trusted and rewarding investment destination.

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Global CEO Serena Hotels bids farewell to Italian, Bulgarian envoys

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DNA

ISLAMABAD: Global CEO of Serena Hotels, Aziz Boolani, hosted a distinguished farewell dinner in Islamabad to honor the outgoing ambassadors of Italy and Bulgaria. The event brought together senior government officials, diplomats, and members of the business community in a warm gesture of appreciation for the ambassadors' contributions to strengthening bilateral ties. In his address, Boolani lauded the services of both diplomats, recalling the memorable moments shared during their tenure in Pakistan. He emphasized that the ambassadors had played a vital role in promoting bilateral relations, fostering cultural exchange, and enhancing cooperation between their respective countries and Paki-

stan. "It is always tough to say goodbye, but that is the nature of diplomacy. One day, one has to leave, but they are remembered with cherished memories," he remarked. The farewell was attended by prominent figures including Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker, ambassadors, high commissioners, and senior government officials. Their presence underscored the importance of the occasion and the respect accorded to the departing envoys. Aziz Boolani, accompanied by Mrs. Boolani, presented souvenirs to the outgoing ambassadors as a token of appreciation and friendship. Guests were treated to a rich culinary experience featuring traditional Pakistani and continental cuisines, prepared with the signature excellence of Serena Hotels.

The menu highlighted the hotel's reputation for blending local flavors with international standards, leaving a lasting impression on attendees. The evening was marked by heartfelt speeches, warm camaraderie, and a spirit of gratitude. The ambassadors expressed their appreciation for the hospitality and friendship they had experienced during their tenure in Pakistan, noting that they would carry fond memories of the country and its people. This farewell dinner not only celebrated the achievements of the outgoing ambassadors but also reaffirmed Serena Hotels' role as a hub for cultural diplomacy and international engagement. Boolani's gesture reflected the hotel's commitment to fostering goodwill and strengthening Pakistan's ties with the global community.



Global CEO Serena Hotels bids farewell to Italian, Bulgarian envoys



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Ethiopian embassy holds tourism promotion event in Islamabad



Saifullah Ansar

ISLAMABAD: The Ethiopian Embassy Islamabad has hosted a tourism promotion event bringing together diplomats, travel agents, media, and digital influencers to spotlight Ethiopia as a destination and deepen bilateral ties with Pakistan.

H.E. Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, Advisor and Coordinator to the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Tourism, attended as a chief guest, alongside guest of honor H.E. Hamid Asghar Khan, Additional Secretary (Africa) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Welcoming the guests, H.E. Dr. Oumer Hussien Oba, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, emphasized on the historic bond between the two nations

to ancient “Habesha” which sheltered early Muslims during the First Hijra. He noted that the historic Al-Nejashi Mosque and the legacy of Hazrat Bilal Habeshi create a lasting bond of brotherhood and spiritual affinity for Pakistanis.

The Ambassador showcased Ethiopia as the Land of Origins and Africa’s fastest-growing tourism destination, pointing to world-class resorts and parks developed under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed.

He said the capital city of Ethiopia—Addis Ababa is the third diplomatic hub and home to the African Union, hosting over 150 international summits last year.

The Ambassador highlighted the Ethiopian Airlines’ direct Karachi–Addis Ababa flights as a key advantage for Pakistani travelers. H.E. Sardar Yasir Il-

yas Khan praised the Embassy’s initiative for strengthening people-to-people ties and appreciating the Ethiopian Airlines for closing the connectivity gap between Pakistan and Africa.

Announcing a reciprocal influencer exchange, he announced Pakistani content creators will soon visit Ethiopia, while Ethiopian and African influencers will receive complimentary tourism packages to Pakistan.

H.E. Hamid Asghar Khan thanked Ethiopia for launching direct flight operations in Pakistan, calling them the most critical link between the two countries.

Recalling his visit to Ethiopia, he lauded massive production of energy in Ethiopia, rapid development in its urban areas, wonderful tourism landscapes, and above all the strides it has made in aviation sector.



New Italian Ambassador Ugo Ciarlatani assumes duties in Pakistan

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Ugo Ciarlatani has officially taken office as the new Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan, pledging to deepen bilateral ties across political, economic, cultural, and academic spheres. In his inaugural message, Ambassador Ciarlatani emphasized Pakistan's importance as a strategic partner for Italy, highlighting opportunities in sectors such as energy, infrastructure, agribusiness, mechanical engineering, textiles, technology, vocational training, and sustainability. He noted that Pakistan's youthful and dynamic population offers considerable potential for collaboration. The Ambassador underscored cultural di-

plomacy as a cornerstone of his mission, pointing to Italy's rich heritage in language, art, archaeology, design, fashion, cinema, music, and science as tools for fostering dialogue and mutual understanding. He also committed to supporting youth exchanges, academic mobility, and scientific cooperation. Ciarlatani assured Italian citizens and Pakistani partners that consular services will be further strengthened, ensuring efficient support for both communities. He expressed confidence that "through shared, practical, and sustained efforts, we will further strengthen the friendship between our two countries and open new avenues of collaboration for the benefit of our people."



Gilani lauds services of Bulgarian Ambassador



Mahnoor Ansar

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Bulgaria to Pakistan, Irena Genadieva Gancheva, called on Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani at Parliament House on Wednesday. The meeting focused on bilateral relations,

regional developments, parliamentary cooperation, and avenues for enhancing economic and people-to-people ties between Pakistan and Bulgaria. Chairman Senate congratulated Ambassador Gancheva on the successful completion of her diplomatic assignment in Pakistan and commended her

efforts in strengthening the longstanding friendship between the two countries. He appreciated her contribution to promoting bilateral cooperation and fostering greater mutual understanding.

Highlighting the cordial relations between Pakistan and Bulgaria, Chairman Gilani noted that the two countries enjoy a relationship based on mutual respect, goodwill, and cooperation on regional and international issues. He described Bulgaria as an important partner of Pakistan in Europe and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further deepening bilateral engagement. The Chairman felicitated Bulgaria on becoming a full member of the Schengen Area and extended best wishes for its continued economic progress following the adoption of the Euro. He also reiterated Pakistan's support for Bulgaria's aspirations to join the OECD and welcomed the successful formation of the country's new government following recent parliamentary elections.

Recalling over six decades of diplomatic relations between the two countries, Chairman Gilani stressed the importance of enhancing political engagement through high-level visits and institutional dialogue. He emphasized the need to unlock the considerable potential for economic and commercial cooperation and expressed hope for the early convening of the third session of the Pakistan-Bulgaria Inter-Governmental Commission on Economic Cooperation. The Chairman thanked Bulgaria for its support regarding Pakistan's GSP Plus status and expressed confidence that such cooperation would continue as Pakistan prepares for the next phase of the European Union's GSP+ framework.

Africa Day celebrated at the ICCI



Pakistan can become a global mountaineering hub: Nirmal

Ansar M Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has all the ingredients to emerge as one of the world's leading mountaineering destinations, but it needs greater public awareness, government support and investment in local communities, according to legendary Nepali mountaineer Nirmal "Nims" Purja. Purja shared his views during an exclusive interaction with Islamabad POST/DNA on the sidelines of a dinner hosted in his honour by Nepal's Ambassador to Pakistan, Rita Dhital, in Islamabad. Members of the mountaineering community and distinguished guests attended the reception celebrating the close friendship between Nepal and Pakistan through their shared Himalayan heritage. Widely regarded as one of the greatest high-altitude climbers in history, Purja said Pakistan occupies a special place in his heart. "I come to Pakistan almost every year," he said with a smile. "I consider Pakistan my second home. Every visit strengthens my bond with the people, especially the wonderful communities of Gilgit-Baltistan."

Purja has scaled almost every major mountain in the world, including repeated ascents of Mount Everest and K2, besides conquering all 14 of the world's peaks above 8,000 metres in record time. His extraordinary achievements have inspired climbers across the globe and were featured in the acclaimed Netflix documentary 14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible. Beyond mountaineering, Purja is also a successful entrepreneur who operates adventure tourism and expedition companies. He believes responsible tourism can transform the lives of mountain communities. "My goal is not just to climb mountains," he explained. "I want the people living in

these regions to benefit economically. Whenever possible, I hire local guides, porters and support staff because I believe tourism should directly improve the lives of local families." He praised the hardworking nature of Pakistanis, particularly those living in the northern mountainous regions.

"The people of Pakistan are industrious, honest and dedicated. They have immense potential. Given the right opportunities, they can become leaders in the global mountaineering industry."

Purja said Pakistan possesses some of the most spectacular and technically challenging mountains on Earth. Besides K2, the country is home to Nanga Parbat, Broad Peak, Gasherbrum I and II, and several other iconic summits that attract elite climbers from around the world. He urged the Pakistani government to actively promote mountaineering as both a sport and an economic opportunity. "I believe Nanga Parbat can become the starting point for encouraging more Pakistanis to take up mountaineering.

The government should invest in training programmes, safety standards, rescue infrastructure and youth development. Mountaineering can generate employment while showcasing Pakistan's breathtaking natural beauty." Purja also stressed the importance of preserving the fragile mountain environment, saying sustainable tourism must remain at the heart of future development.

"These mountains are a gift from nature. We have a responsibility to protect them for future generations while allowing local communities to prosper." Reflecting on his remarkable journey, Purja said mental resilience is often more important than physical strength.

"The biggest mountain we climb is usually inside our own minds. Once you overcome self-doubt, almost anything becomes possible." His inspiring message resonated strongly with the audience, many of





whom expressed admiration for his achievements and his deep affection for Pakistan. As Pakistan continues to promote adventure tourism and improve access to its northern regions, voices like Nirmal Purja's reinforce the country's immense potential to become a pre-

mier destination for climbers and outdoor enthusiasts from around the world. More importantly, his emphasis on empowering local communities offers a blueprint for ensuring that the benefits of tourism are shared by those who call these majestic mountains home.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Editor Daily Islamabad POST/ CENTRELINE Ansar Mahmood Bhatti met with Mr. Munsoo Kurrimbaccus High Commissioner Mauritius High Commission. Both sides discussed matters of mutual interest. – DNA

Football match screening

Austrian Ambassador to Pakistan Wolfgang Oliver Kutschera hosted football match screen event at his residence. A large number of football enthusiast attended the event. – DNA





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Chairman Monal Group hosts farewell dinner for Italian Envoy

Chairman Senate praised the outgoing ambassador's efforts in promoting bilateral cooperation and friendship between the two countries

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman of Monal Group, Luqman Ali Afzal, hosted a grand farewell dinner in honor of the outgoing Italian Ambassador, bringing together senior government officials, diplomats, and distinguished guests to celebrate the envoy's successful tenure in Pakistan. The event was attended by Chairman Senate as the chief guest, while Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi, Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Federal Minister for National Food Security Rana Tanveer Hussain, Federal Minister for Defence Production Raza Hayat Hiraj, Minister of State for Law and Justice

Barrister Aqeel Malik, and Prime Minister's Adviser Tauqeer Shah were among the prominent participants. A large number of ambassadors, high commissioners, and members of the diplomatic community also attended the gathering to bid farewell to their departing colleague and acknowledge her contributions to strengthening Pakistan-Italy relations. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman Senate praised the outgoing ambassador's efforts in promoting bilateral cooperation and friendship between the two countries. He extended his best wishes for her future assignments and expressed confidence that the ties between Pakistan and Italy would continue to grow from strength to strength. In a conversation with Daily Islamabad POST/CENTRELINE, the Italian Amba-

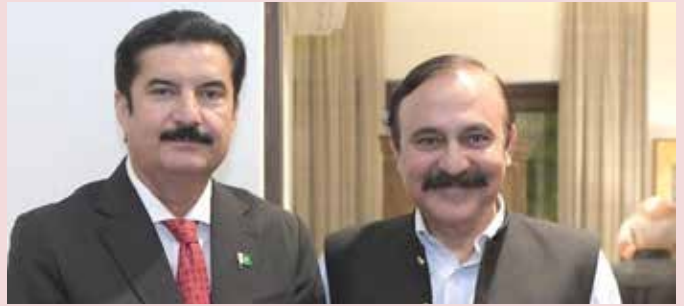
sador said she had thoroughly enjoyed her stay in Pakistan and would always cherish the warmth and hospitality extended to her by the Pakistani people. She expressed optimism about the future of Pakistan-Italy relations and hoped that cooperation in trade, culture, education, and people-to-people exchanges would further expand in the years ahead. The ambassador also thanked Luqman Ali Afzal and the Monal Group for arranging a memorable farewell reception and for their continued support in fostering engagement between the diplomatic community and Pakistani society. The evening concluded in a warm and cordial atmosphere, with guests enjoying an array of signature Monal dishes that blended traditional Pakistani flavors with continental cuisine, making the farewell dinner a memorable occasion for all attendees.



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Portugal marks national day with commitment to friendship with Pakistan

The Ambassador underscored Portugal's commitment to strengthening ties in politics, trade, academia, and people-to-people exchanges. He noted that nearly 50,000 Pakistanis now reside in Portugal

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ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of Portugal hosted a grand reception at Serena Hotel to celebrate the Day of Portugal, Camões and the Portuguese Communities, reaffirming the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between Portugal and Pakistan. The event was attended by Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Chaudhry Salik Hussain, who served as Chief Guest, alongside other distinguished dignitaries including Federal Minister for Water Resources Mian Mueen Wattoo, Governor of Sindh Syed Nehal Hashmi, Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation Syed Imran Ahmad Shah, Minister of State for Law and Justice Barrister Aqeel Malik, and

former Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Sheikh. Welcoming the guests, the Ambassador of Portugal Paulo Guedes Domingues highlighted the 76th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations, describing the partnership as one built on “Dosti aur Bharosa – friendship and trust.” He praised Pakistan’s hospitality, noting that he and his family felt deeply at home since arriving in Islamabad earlier this year. The Ambassador underscored Portugal’s commitment to strengthening ties in politics, trade, academia, and people-to-people exchanges. He noted that nearly 50,000 Pakistanis now reside in Portugal, contributing positively to Portuguese society and serving as “ambassadors of friendship” between the two countries. He also expressed gratitude to Pakistan

for supporting Portugal’s successful bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council (2027–2028), pledging closer cooperation in multilateral diplomacy. Commending Pakistan’s constructive role in promoting peace, he welcomed Islamabad’s mediation efforts in Geneva, calling them a “powerful reminder that diplomacy can prevail over conflict.” The evening featured Portuguese cuisine, including bacalhau, piri-iri chicken, and the famous pastel de nata, offering guests a taste of Portugal’s culinary heritage. Concluding his remarks, the Ambassador declared: “Portugal and Pakistan may stand at opposite ends of the map, but friendship is not measured in kilometres. It is measured in trust, goodwill, and the courage to build a common future together.”





President Zardari describes Moscow trusted partner

The president said the National Day reflected Russia's national independence, rich history and the enduring spirit of its people

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further strengthening its partnership with Russia, describing Moscow as a trusted partner and an important global power with whom Islamabad seeks deeper cooperation in diverse fields. Addressing a reception held to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation, President Zardari extended warm congratulations to Russian President Vladimir Putin, Russian Ambassador Albert P. Khorev and the people of Russia on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan. The president said the National Day reflected Russia's national independence, rich history and the enduring spirit of its people. Recalling his visit to Russia in 2011, President Zardari acknowledged President Putin's role in bringing the two countries closer and fostering a relationship based on mutual respect, trust and shared interests. He said Pakistan and Russia had steadily expanded bilateral engagement over the years, adding that the foundations of the relationship were strengthened by the vision and statesmanship of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who played a key role in developing ties with the former Soviet Union.

President Zardari said the legacy of engagement was later carried forward by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, whose leadership helped renew cooperation during a period of major global change. He noted that the tradition of engagement was further advanced by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari during his tenure as Pakistan's foreign minister through active diplomatic outreach. Highlighting the positive trajectory of bilateral relations, President Zardari said regular interactions between ministers and senior officials reflected growing momentum in Pakistan-Russia ties. Referring to remarks by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov earlier this year, he noted that the current period represented the most positive phase in Pakistan-Russia relations in many decades. The president said Pakistan valued Russia as a global power and shared with it a commitment to sovereign equality, dialogue and amplifying the voice of the Global South in international affairs. He said cooperation between the two countries continued to expand in key sectors including energy, industry, agriculture and education, creating new opportunities for economic collaboration and people-to-people contacts. President Zardari also highlighted educational

exchanges, noting that nearly 1,300 Pakistani students were currently studying in Russia, many on Russian scholarships, serving as a bridge between the two societies. Expressing optimism about the future of bilateral ties, he said Pakistan looked forward to sustained high-level engagement to enhance economic cooperation and unlock the full potential of Pakistan-Russia relations. "As we celebrate this occasion, I reaffirm Pakistan's commitment to further strengthening this important partnership for the benefit of our peoples and for peace, stability and prosperity in our region and beyond," the president said. He expressed the hope that the Russian Federation would continue to prosper and that the bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Russia would grow even stronger in the years ahead. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, Albert Khorev expressed condolences on the M-17 helicopter crash of Pakistan Army. He highlighted the significance of Russia's National Day as the commemoration of Russian vision and resilience. He underlined that the Russian President had called 2026, the year of unity of the people of Russia and its strength that lies in multilateral cooperation. — DNA





President Zardari congratulates Philippines on Independence Day

Philippine Ambassador highlights shared values on Independence Day DNA

ISLAMABAD: On behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan, President Asif Ali Zardari has conveyed heartfelt congratulations to the Government and the people of the Republic of the Philippines on the occasion of their National Independence Day. The message was read out by Presidential Spokesperson Murtaza Solangi at a special gathering. President Zardari stated: "This day commemorates the historic declaration of Independence of the Philippines in 1898, a defining moment that gave birth to a proud and sovereign nation, and announced to the world the indomitable spirit of the Filipino people. Pakistan admires the resilience and courage that have come to define the people of the Philippines over the course of its remarkable journey."

Highlighting the longstanding ties between the two nations, the President noted that Pakistan and the Philippines share a bond of friendship spanning more than seven decades. As both countries prepare to mark 77 years of diplomatic relations later this year, he emphasized that the relationship is rooted in mutual respect, goodwill, and a shared commitment to multilateral cooperation in forums such as the United Nations and ASEAN.

President Zardari underscored the promise of economic partnership, pointing to growing bilateral trade and untapped potential in agriculture, food security, healthcare, defence cooperation, education, information technology, and renewable energy. He expressed Pakistan's eagerness to harness this potential through greater business-to-business engagement and joint ventures. The President also extended appreciation for the hospitality shown by the Philippines to the Pakistani community residing there, acknowledging their role as a bridge of friendship between the two nations.

Concluding his message, President Zardari reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to addressing global challenges such as climate change and sustainable development, and wished the people of the Philippines continued peace, progress, and prosperity.

Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, extended warm greetings to the Filipino community in Pakistan, Pakistani friends, and all those commemorating this historic milestone.

Delivering his message, Ambassador Fernandez underscored this year's theme, "Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan." (Freedom. Future. History.), noting that it reflects the sacrifices of the past, the challenges of the present, and the aspirations for future generations. He emphasized that Independence Day is not only a celebration of freedom but also a reaffirmation of values such as unity, resilience, democracy, justice, and service to others.

The envoy drew parallels between the Philippines and Pakistan, highlighting their shared historical journeys of overcoming foreign rule and building independent states amid political, economic, and social challenges. He stressed that independence is a continuing responsibility, requiring efforts to strengthen institutions, uphold the rule of law, and secure a better future. Ambassador Fernandez also reflected on the importance of human dignity, justice, and compassion in sustaining freedom. He warned against hatred, discrimination, and intolerance, calling instead for mutual respect, understanding, and peaceful coexistence. "The future belongs not to fear and exclusion, but to cooperation, dialogue, and our shared humanity," he said.





A milestone in Romania–Pakistan cultural and educational cooperation

Embassy of Romania Inaugurates “Romanian Shelf” at the National Library of Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of Romania in Pakistan today marked a significant step in bilateral cultural relations with the inauguration of the “Romanian Shelf” at the National Library of Pakistan in Islamabad. The ceremony took place during an official visit by the Ambassador of Romania Dr Dan Stoenescu to the National Library, where a formal donation of Romanian books was presented to Director General Muhammad Ali Shahzad Muzaffar and his team. The donation, comprising volumes published by the Romanian Cultural Institute Publishing House, covers a wide range of subjects including history, literature, art, and cultural heritage. These works offer Pakistani readers a direct window into

Romania’s rich intellectual tradition and its vibrant cultural life.

“Libraries connect people, preserve identity, and build bridges of understanding. The Romanian Shelf at the National Library of Pakistan is more than a collection of books - it is an open invitation to discover Romania’s spirit, creativity, and scholarship. Strengthening cooperation in education, culture, and knowledge exchange is an essential pillar of the Romania–Pakistan partnership.”

– Dr Dan Stoenescu, Ambassador of Romania to Pakistan: During the visit, the Ambassador and Director General Muzaffar also discussed the prospect of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Library of Pakistan and the National Library of Romania. Such an agreement would establish a formal frame-

work for long-term institutional cooperation between the two libraries, facilitating exchanges of publications, expertise, and joint cultural initiatives.

The inauguration was also attended by Eduard Preda, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Romania, Romanian soprano Georgiana Costea-Glugă, coordinator of opera courses at PNCA (Pakistan National Council of the Arts), and Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar, member of the National Assembly and president of the Young Parliamentarian Forum (YPF). The establishment of the Romanian Shelf reflects the shared commitment of Romania and Pakistan to deepening people-to-people ties and promoting mutual understanding through culture and education. The Embassy of Romania in Islamabad looks forward to further expanding this partnership in the years ahead.



Malaysia's High Commissioner praises Pak role in regional peace

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ISLAMABAD – The High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, Dato Azhar bin Mazlan, has lauded Pakistan's leadership for its constructive role in defusing tensions between the United States and Iran. He stated that Pakistan's efforts have been instrumental in ensuring peace not only in the region but also beyond. Speaking at a luncheon hosted for media representatives and friends of Malaysia, Dato Azhar read out a message from his government commending Pakistan's contribution to regional stability. He emphasized that the Pakistani leadership deserves recognition for its diplomatic initiatives aimed at preventing escalation and fostering dialogue. The High Commissioner also highlighted the strong bilateral relations between Malaysia and Pakistan, vowing to take them to new heights through enhanced cooperation in trade, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. A short documentary showcasing Malaysia's friendship with Pakistan was screened during the event, further underscoring the warmth between the two nations.



Pakistan, Uzbekistan to boost film and media cooperation



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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Attaullah Tarar met with Uzbekistan's Ambassador Alisher Tukhtaev to discuss strengthening collaboration in the fields of film production, media, and cultural exchange. During the meeting, both sides explored opportunities for joint projects, including short films, documentaries, and drama series. Minister Tarar emphasized the importance of involving experienced production houses and highlighted that large-scale projects could be advanced through joint funding initiatives. The Uzbek ambassador praised Pakistan's role in promoting peace in the region, particularly through the Islamabad Peace Talks. Minister Tarar reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to deepening ties with Uzbekistan, noting that the two countries share a rich history and cultural heritage that should be showcased through collaborative efforts. The meeting also underscored the need to enhance cooperation between media organizations, strengthen connections between social media teams, and develop integrated digital promotional strategies. Both sides agreed to facilitate journalist exchange programs, which would serve as an important step in broadening mutual understanding. Minister Tarar reiterated Pakistan's resolve to give new dimensions to cultural and media relations with Uzbekistan, ensuring that the partnership reflects the shared values and heritage of both nations.

Atta Tarar highlights African continent's economic potential

He stressed that Pakistan's outreach is not limited to economic cooperation but also extends to fostering people-to-people connections and mutual understanding

Saifullah Ansar / DNA

ISLAMABAD: Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, speaking at a ceremony marking Africa Day, underscored Pakistan's commitment to strengthening ties with African nations. He emphasized that Pakistan attaches great value to its relations with Africa, describing the continent as an emerging economic powerhouse with immense potential for growth and collaboration. Tarar noted that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had issued special instructions to intensify focus on Africa, a directive that has already led to the introduction of Pakistan's "Look Africa Policy," which he said is progressing successfully. Highlighting the strategic importance of Africa, the minister pointed out that the continent's vast resources, youthful population, and expanding markets make it a vital partner for Pakistan in trade, investment, and cultural exchange. He stressed that Pakistan's outreach is not limited to economic

cooperation but also extends to fostering people-to-people connections and mutual understanding.

On the occasion, the Ambassador of Zimbabwe also addressed the gathering, commending the Pakistani government's efforts to cultivate closer links with African countries. He expressed appreciation for Islamabad's proactive approach in engaging with Africa and welcomed the initiatives aimed at building stronger diplomatic and economic bridges. Following the speeches, Minister Tarar toured various stalls set up by participating African nations. Each stall showcased traditional delicacies, offering guests a taste of authentic African cuisine. The vibrant atmosphere reflected the diversity and richness of African culture, with visitors enjoying dishes that highlighted the continent's culinary heritage. The event not only celebrated Africa Day but also symbolized the growing partnership between Pakistan and African countries, reinforcing the shared vision of prosperity and cooperation.





Francophonie Talents award and Francophonie Buffet



Romanian embassy awards certificates to Opera students

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ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of Romania in Pakistan, in collaboration with the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), organized an official award ceremony honoring the students of the Opera Singing Courses conducted at the PNCA. The ceremony took place at the Embassy of Romania in Islamabad on Tuesday, 16 June 2026. The event was attended by H.E. Dan Stoenescu, Ambassador of Romania to Pakistan; Romanian soprano Georgiana Costea-Glugă; Zaidar Shah, Chairman of Pakistan-Romania Friendship Association; Muhammad Ayoub Jamali, Director General of PNCA; Ghulam Muhammad, Incharge of Music Classes at PNCA; and the award-winning students: Imran Parvez Khan, Iria Siona, Ayzer Adeel and Mohammad Tayyab Akbar.

The Opera Singing Courses, unique within Pakistan's cultural landscape, represent a landmark achievement in cultural diplomacy between Romania and Pakistan. The initiative provides young Pakistani artists with an unprecedented opportunity to ex-

plore the rich tradition of European classical and operatic music. Addressing the participants, Ambassador Dan Stoenescu highlighted the significance of the project: “The certificates we present today represent only the first tangible result of a long-term endeavor. These four award recipients are much more than graduates of a course; they are officially the pioneers of opera music in Pakistan. Their dedication, perseverance, and passion have laid the foundations for a new artistic tradition and opened a path for future generations of Pakistani performers.”

Speaking on the occasion, soprano Georgiana Costea-Glugă emphasized the achievements of the students:

“These students are opening an entirely new path for future generations and demonstrating that music is a universal language that transcends all borders. I am extremely proud of their progress and firmly convinced that this is only the beginning of an extraordinary artistic journey.”

The ceremony marked the culmination of a pioneering educational and cultural

initiative launched on 9 April 2025. The opera singing courses, taught by Romanian soprano Georgiana Costea-Glugă, are held twice a week at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts and aim to introduce Pakistani students to the rich heritage of Romanian and European opera while fostering intercultural artistic exchange.

The program focuses on developing the fundamental skills required for lyrical performance, including vocal technique, stage presence, musical interpretation, and artistic expression.

Since its inception, the initiative has demonstrated the power of cultural diplomacy to build bridges between peoples and cultures. Through music, Romanian and Pakistani artists and institutions have established a meaningful platform for dialogue, learning, and mutual understanding. The Embassy of Romania and PNCA reaffirm their commitment to promoting artistic and educational opportunities and strengthening cultural relations between Romania and Pakistan through shared cultural experiences and creative collaboration.

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






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