



# PAKISTAN REVIEW

## Monthly Newsletter of Pakistan High Commission, London

### Federal Minister Shafqat Mahmood discusses educational cooperation with British Council Team

On the joint invitation extended by the Prime Minister of the UK, President of Kenya and the Chair of Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Federal Minister for Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture visited London to attend the Global Education Summit from 28-29 July 2021.

Mr Saeed Ghani, Education Minister Sindh, Mr Shahram Khan Tarakai, Education Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ms Wajiha Akram MNA, Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Education and other federal and provincial officials were also part of the delegation.

During his stay the Federal Minister held a number of bilateral meetings with the senior officials of Advance Higher Education, Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) and the British Council.



Educational collaboration in a variety of areas was discussed in detail. At the Global Education Summit, the

Minister apprised the delegates of educational reforms being undertaken by the Government of Prime Minister

Imran Khan.



### Pakistan Navy Ship PNS ZULFIQUAR visits Portsmouth UK



Pakistan Navy Ship PNS ZULFIQUAR, with an embarked helicopter, visited Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth (UK) from 12-14 July 2021 as part of Pakistan Navy's overseas deployment. Commodore Syed Rizwan Khalid was the Mission Commander whereas Captain Rao Ahmed Imran Anwar was the Commanding Officer at the ship.

High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan, along with Commodore Jamal Alam, Defence and Naval Adviser, visited the ship and received a briefing about the visit. The High Commissioner expressed well wishes



to the Mission Commander and the crew of the ship. He hoped such visits would further strengthen Pakistan-UK defence, security and diplomatic ties. The ship took part in the Exercise White Star with the British Navy. It aimed at enhancing interoperability and learning from each other's experiences on maritime security operations while demonstrating combined sea manoeuvres. Thereafter, the ship set course to its next destination towards Baltic Sea.



## Webinar on Trade & Investment Opportunities between Pakistan and the UK



The Pakistan High Commission, London organized a Webinar on Trade and Investment Opportunities between Pakistan and the United Kingdom on 7th July 2021. More than 70 British and Pakistani businessmen, office bearers of the chambers, and trade bodies attended

the event.

The objective of the webinar was to answer queries of the British and Pakistani business community on import potential from Pakistan, tariff concessions available in the UK market and to apprise the participants about in-

vestment prospects in Pakistan. Many existing and potential investors with keen interest in doing business with Pakistan asked searching questions about trade and investment opportunities in Pakistan.

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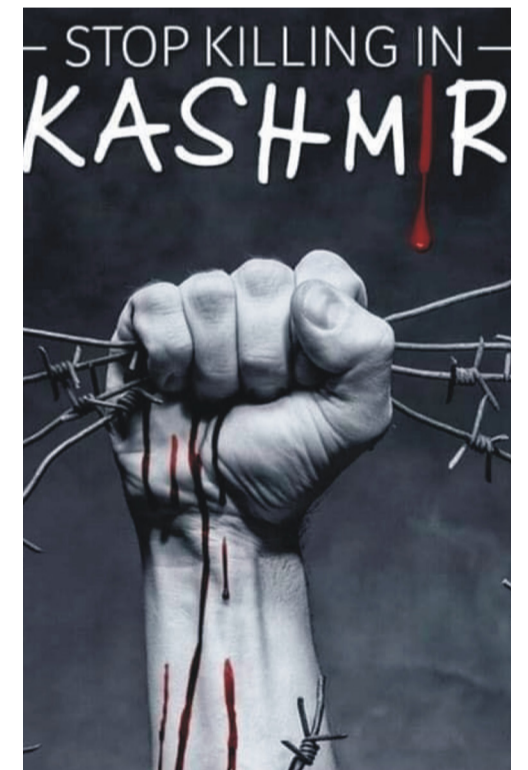
UK, Moazzam Ahmad Khan apprised the participants about Pakistan-UK trade and economic relations whereas Director General Board of Investment, Pakistan Mr Jamil Qureshi responded to the questions asked by the participants.



## Kashmir Martyrs Day observed in the UK



Kashmir Martyrs Day was observed in the UK on 13 July 2021. Kashmiris and human rights organizations across the world observe 13 July as Kashmir Martyrs Day to pay homage to the 22 innocent Kashmiris martyred by Dogra forces outside the Srinagar Central Jail in 1931. Speaking at the Virtual Parliamentary Conference organized by Jammu & Kashmir Self Determination Movement International (JKSDMI) and Youth Parliament of Pakistan at Riphah Institute of Public Policy Islamabad, High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan said that the tragedy of 13 July 1931 was being repeated across Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) with ever greater brutality. Several Pakistani and British Parliamentarians addressed the webinar and called upon the international community to play its role in ending ongoing human rights violations in IIOJK.



## Pakistan Air Force Jets to participate in the Royal International Air Tattoo

Pakistan Air Force Jets participated in the Royal International Air Tattoo 2021 (RIAT) on 17 July 2021.

The Royal International Air Tattoo is the world's largest military air show, held annually over the third weekend in July, in support of The Royal Air Force Charitable Trust.

Pakistan Air Force has been participating in the RIAT since 2016. This year, PAF Jets displayed their skills

along with 70 other Air Forces of the world.

PAF aircrafts C130, JF-17 Thunder and Mirage III took part in the show.



C-130 for TATTOO



Mirage Video for AIR TATTOO Show



JF-17 Thunder for TATTOO (1)

## MULTANI BLUE POTTERY EXHIBITION IN LONDON



MULTANI BLUE POTTERY EXHIBITION was organised by Saniyas Cultural Express in London on 09 July 2021. A vast collection of blue and white pottery of current day Mul-

tan was displayed. Multani pottery, famous world over, is identifiable by its floral motifs and geometrical patterns in vivid blues and whites. High Commissioner Moazzam Ah-



mad Khan together with his spouse Ambassador (R) Leena Salim Moazzam visited the exhibition and appreciated the promotion of artistic traditions of Multan in the UK.

The event was attended by a diverse set of collectors, designers and British sculptors.



## Busy cricketing season for the High Commission's team



Pakistan High Commission London's Cricket Team is having a busy cricketing season this year. It has played several friendly matches with local cricket teams and more matches are

scheduled for the remaining season. High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan, who himself has played First Class Cricket, often attends and plays these matches which often turn



out to be the family days out. Sporting events are a useful tool of public diplomacy and act as bridges between various communities. That's why the High Commission always

encourages such healthy activities to engage with the youth and bring different communities together.



# “The Karakoram - Ice Mountains of Pakistan” by Colin Prior

## Photography book launched at the Pakistan High Commission London



A photography book entitled “The Karakoram - Ice Mountains of Pakistan” by acclaimed landscape photographer Colin Prior was launched at the Pakistan High Commission London on 28 July 2021. The book is a descriptive and visual compilation of Prior’s several visits to Pakistan’s Gilgit-Baltistan region to photograph the mountains and capture their beauty.

In his remarks on the occasion, High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan congratulated Colin Prior on publishing a masterpiece that brought to greater light the unique natural beauty of northern areas of Pakistan. He appreciated the efforts that went into producing the book, which, he said, couldn’t have been possible without tremendous compassion for nature.

Mentioning positive reviews of Pakistan as a tourism destination by leading travel publications and organisations, he said that Pakistan tourism



was poised to grow exponentially. Colin Prior made an illustrated pres-

entation and shared personal experiences and recollections of his travels to the region. He said: Having made six, month long expeditions to the Karakoram Mountains, I am delighted, finally, to see the project published in my latest book, The Karakoram - Ice Mountains of Pakistan.

My hope is that this book will raise awareness of The Karakoram Mountains, in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan, as the finest mountain range in the world and showcase, what I believe, to be the world’s most spectacular gallery of shape and form.” In addition to the High Commission, Bestway Group, Rangoonwala Foundation, United Bank Ltd. Habib Bank Ltd. and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) partly sponsored the publishing of the book by Merrell Publishers.



High Commissioner with Group Captain Maria Saeed and the officers of the Defence wing at Pakistan High Commission London

## High Commissioner's visit to Manchester



**High Commissioner with Mayor of Greater Manchester  
Andy Burnham**

The High Commissioner visited Manchester on 9 July 2021. He met Sir Richard Leese, leader of the house at Manchester City Council and appreciated his contributions towards the Pakistani diaspora's wellbeing. Both sides agreed to work together for strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries in all spheres.

The High Commissioner also met Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy

Burnham and discussed with him issues pertaining to the Pakistani diaspora in the North West of England. He thanked the Mayor for his efforts to forge trade links between the two countries. Both sides agreed to work towards the earliest materialization of Mayor's proposed visit to Pakistan heading a substantive trade and business delegation.

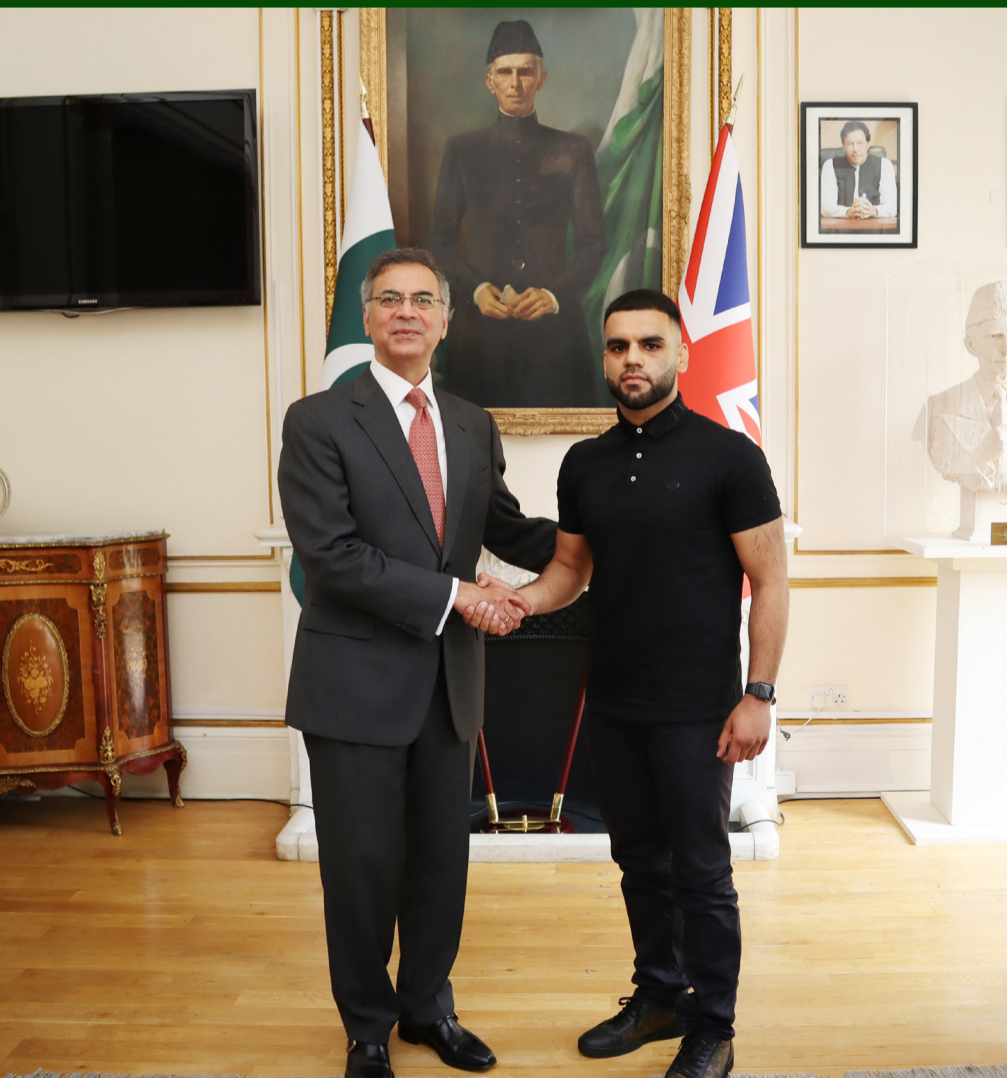
Besides, the High Commissioner met MPs including Ms. Debbie Abrahams,



**High Commissioner with Sir Richard Leese, Leader of the  
Manchester City Council**

Tony Lloyd, Afzal Khan, Yasmin Qureshi and Lord Wajid Khan. Speaking at a charity event at Rochdale, the High Commissioner assured the diaspora that the Government of Pakistan holds them in high esteem and recognizes their contributions toward the progress and development of the country. The High Commission and the four Consulates across the UK were working diligently to facilitate the diaspora, he added. He also

met and congratulated Asim Rasheed on his election as Mayor of Rochdale. A large number of diaspora members present on the occasion appreciated the keen interest of the High Commission and the Government of Pakistan in their welfare.

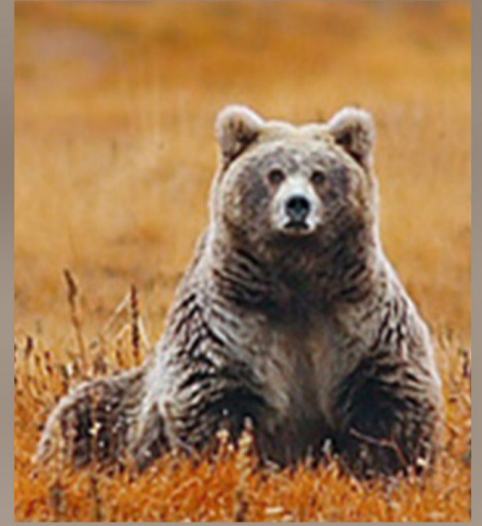


**High Commissioner with British Pakistani MMA rising star  
Faisal Malik at Pakistan High Commission London**



**High Commissioner with British Pakistani Artist Nadia Jamil and  
others at Pakistan High Commission London**

# The Wildlife of North Pakistan



Wildlife tourism is an industry yet to bloom in Pakistan but it has the potential to completely transform the country when one considers the global spend on safaris, bird watching and marine life. In fact there is one animal that Pakistan boasts that could probably do this on its own.

We are talking about the most famous and elusive of all wildlife - Pakistan's National Heritage Animal - the snow leopard. This magnificent animal is found in the Chitral Gol National Park and The Khunjerab National Park but it is thought that only between 200-400 are present in Pakistan. Indeed, it was not until 2004 when a team from the BBC's Planet Earth series captured the first ever film of a wild snow leopard in the mountains of Pakistan after many months of unsuccessful filming in Nepal. But before you all start packing your bags, remember that these animals live between 2000-4500m and are solitary so be prepared to trek for days then wait for weeks in the cold and after all that you could still be unlucky!

Whilst you may not be so lucky to spot a snow leopard, you are very likely to see markhor even though they are also endangered. These wild goats have very distinct twisted cork-screw like horns and while the largest population is in the Chitral Gol National Park, one can also spot them in many places in Gilgit-Baltistan. Did you know that the markhor is also the national animal of Pakistan?



If you are not having any luck so far, more common than but related to the markhor is the Siberian ibex and again found all over north Pakistan. You will spot the difference with their horns as the ibex's curl back towards their bodies. Lastly, we have the Himalayan Brown Bear that is found in the Khunjerab National Park and the Deosai Plains. Once again, you will need a keen eye to spot them as there are said to be only 150-200 in Pakistan. Do not forget to visit between April and September, as after that they will hibernate for six months!



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