

Earthquake in Türkiye: Appeal to Community by High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan

Dear Community Members,

It has been over a week since the devastating earthquake struck Türkiye and Syria. The calamity, the worst to hit the region in nearly a century, has resulted in widespread loss of life and limb. Tens of thousands have been killed, many buried under the rubble of collapsed buildings and destroyed infrastructure. With a large number of people still missing, and many thousands injured, timely assistance remains critical to saving lives.

Pakistan stands with Türkiye in this hour of need. The government of Pakistan, under the direct supervision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is dispatching all possible assistance. In Pakistan, a fund has been set up to receive and channel support. And here in the UK, besides support at the governmental level, the Disaster Emergency Committee has been activated to galvanize the civil society.

Given the scale of this tragedy, more will be required. As rescue operations continue, the affectees will remain in need of constant attention. We must do everything in our capacities to marshal resources to support relief and rehabilitation efforts.

I appeal to all Pakistanis and British Pakistanis in the UK to contribute whole-heartedly to this endeavour. Let us leave no stone unturned in ensuring that in this darkest of moments, in word, and in deed, we stand alongside our Turkish brothers and sisters in full solidarity.

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