MESSAGE FROM DR. ASAD M. KHAN
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The month of October witnessed the beginning of a new era in Pak-U.S. relations marked by Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif’s first official visit to Washington, DC from October 20-23, 2013 at the invitation of President Barack Obama. The Prime Minister also visited New York to address the 68th Session of the UNGA in September.

The Prime Minister’s visit to Washington, D.C was truly historic in that it was the first official visit to the US by a Pakistani head of government since 1989.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and President Obama held wide ranging discussions on all aspects of bilateral cooperation. The Prime Minister also engaged with a wide cross-section of leadership in the US Administration, Congress, academia, the business community and media. The Joint Statement after the meeting is a reaffirmation of a shared desire by both sides to foster an enduring partnership and lays down a comprehensive framework for forthcoming Pakistan-US Strategic Dialogue.

The decisions taken during the visit will be followed up actively to realize the true potential of a robust bilateral relationship for mutual benefit of the two countries.

In October we also received Finance Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar in Washington, DC where he met with leaders of financial institutions during the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

I am also very pleased to inform that the Government of Pakistan has appointed Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani as Pakistan’s new Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Jilani is an accomplished diplomat, currently serving as Foreign Secretary. We look forward to receiving him in Washington, DC.

In the coming days we will be working together with our US counterparts, both civil and military, through a series of high-level engagements under the strategic dialogue, which, I am confident, will inject new vigor and momentum in the relationship.

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Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif arrived at the Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C. for a four day official visit to the United States. The Prime Minister was accorded a warm welcome by senior officials. A smart contingent of the US armed services also presented honour guard to the Prime Minister.

The U.S. Vice President Joe Biden hosted Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at a breakfast at his residence. Both the leaders reaffirmed their keenness to work together to maintain the positive trajectory in the bilateral relationship. They reiterated that the revived Strategic Dialogue process was the ideal vehicle to further strengthen a people-centric, broad-based and mutually beneficial relationship. Vice President Biden appreciated Pakistan’s contribution and sacrifices in fighting the scourge of terrorism. He praised Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s leadership in promoting peace and stability in the region and also acknowledged Pakistan’s important role in facilitating peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif reassured Pakistan’s commitment to facilitate an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process. Both leaders agreed on the need to further strengthen coordination and cooperation amongst Pakistan, the U.S. and Afghanistan to ensure success of the reconciliation process.

Secretary of State John F. Kerry hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and his delegation at the State Department in Washington, DC. Welcoming the Prime Minister, Secretary Kerry expressed the confidence that the visit would provide the necessary impetus to further deepen and expand the Pakistan-US relations. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif reiterated his determination to revive the economy and improve the law and order situation in Pakistan. Outlining his vision of promoting peace and stability in the region, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to work together in meeting the common challenges of extremism and terrorism. Senior US Administration officials including Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, Director CIA John Brennan and SRAP James Dobbins were present during the dinner. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Advisor to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi and Foreign Secretary Jalil Abbas Jilani.

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was welcomed by Congressman Ed Royce, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, ranking member Congressman Eliot Engel and other members of the Committee from both sides of the aisle at Capitol Hill. During the meeting the Prime Minister spoke on a
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Dr. Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff call on the Prime Minister

Dr. Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff called on the Prime Minister in Washington, DC. Matters related to bilateral defense cooperation and regional security were discussed during the meeting. The Prime Minister expressed satisfaction on the robust momentum in bilateral defense exchanges and expressed the hope that both sides will continue to work together towards shared goals. Dr. Ashton Carter expressed satisfaction that GLOCs were facilitating movement of the US/ISAF retrograde and sustainment cargo through Pakistan. The two sides noted that substantial progress had been achieved in the areas of Counter IEDs, counterterrorism and border coordination mechanism with Afghanistan and ISAF. It was agreed that expanding cooperation in areas such as maritime security was in common interest.

Dr. Ernest Moniz, U.S. Secretary of Energy, calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

Dr. Ernest Moniz, U.S. Secretary of Energy, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. Dr. Moniz was joined by Ambassador Carlos Pascual, U.S. Special Envoy for IEC, Ms. Elizabeth Littlefield, President OPIC, Dr. Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator and Deputy National Security Advisor Ms. Caroline Atkinson. The U.S. Energy Secretary lauded the efforts of the Government of Pakistan in dealing with the serious energy challenges facing the country and offered continued U.S. support to Pakistan in meeting its growing energy requirements. The Prime Minister appreciated U.S. assistance in the energy sector and emphasized that U.S. support would prove critical in executing all the projects in the energy sector. The U.S. Secretary expressed his appreciation and admiration for the most comprehensive and effective reforms introduced by the Government, both to overcome the energy crisis and to improve the energy mix. Both sides agreed to continue working closely in the Energy sector through the existing mechanism of the Energy Working Group under the Strategic Dialogue. The Energy Working Group meeting took place in mid-November in the U.S.

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Former U.S. Secretary of State Ms. Madeleine Albright, now serving as Chair of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. She was joined by
former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Cameron Munter, NDI President Kenneth Wollack and Director Asia Peter Manikas. Ms. Albright praised the Pakistani nation on the historic transfer of power from one civilian government to the next. On behalf of NDI, she offered continued support for strengthening democracy in the country. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif emphasized that democracy has taken roots in Pakistan. He acknowledged the contribution of NDI in improving the electoral systems in the country and also expressed the desire of the Government of Pakistan to continue working closely with international organizations such as NDI to consolidate the democratic gains in Pakistan.

**UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE (USTR), AMBASSADOR MICHAEL FROMAN, CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF**

The United States Trade Representative (USTR), Ambassador Michael Froman, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in Washington, DC. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif expressed interest in increasing the existing bilateral trade between US and Pakistan. He maintained that closer economic relations with the United States and expanded trade and investment opportunities will provide a strong base for mutually beneficial relationship between the two countries. Ambassador Froman underscored that the US was positively inclined towards looking at enhanced market access opportunity for Pakistan and proposed to initiate a dialogue at an early date under the TIFA arrangement. The two sides also discussed the need to convene joint investment conferences for the benefit of the private sector of both countries to explore avenues of further investment. Ambassador Froman appreciated the business friendly policies of the new democratic government.

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**PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF MEETS WITH DR. JIM YONG KIM, PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK**

Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President World Bank called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif in Washington, DC. Both the dignitaries discussed matters pertaining to Pakistan’s economic situation. The Prime Minister apprised the President World Bank about the steps his government is taking to strengthen Pakistan’s economy.

**PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF ADDRESSES THE US–PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (USPBC)**

Addressing a gathering of prominent business leaders at the US–Pakistan Business Council at the US Chamber of Commerce, Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif invited American entrepreneurs to avail the tremendous business opportunities Pakistan offers in a host of areas. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif spoke about his government’s important reforms and policies to put Pakistan’s economy on sound footing particularly highlighting the energy sector as offering promising opportunities to foreign investors. Miles Young, Chairman of the US–Pakistan Business Council, and Worldwide CEO of Ogilvy & Mather, welcomed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and said that Pakistan’s proximity to regional markets, a large hardworking workforce and huge economic potential, make it an important country for international private businesses.

Speaking at the USIP, Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif described Pakistan–US relationship as 'vital' that had scope for building a strong partnership. He called for ending American drone attacks on Pakistan's territory as these are a 'major irritant' in the bilateral ties. The Prime Minister reiterated that the relationship should be based on mutual interest and respect. He added that drone strikes were a violation of Pakistan’s territorial integrity and were also detrimental to Islamabad’s resolve and efforts at eliminating terrorism from the country. Contrary to perceptions, he said, Pakistan–US relations had stood the test of time and despite the occasional hiccups, the solid foundation of this vital relationship had always weathered the occasional storms and turbulence. The Prime Minister also reiterated his call for greater trade access for Pakistan in the United States and invited American entrepreneurs to invest in Pakistan’s energy and other sectors. Underscoring his commitment to regional peace he added that Pakistan wanted a peaceful Afghanistan and desired improvement of relations with India.

Prime Minister’s address at the United States Institute of Peace: http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/news602_010222013_USIP.php
Video: http://www.c-span.org/Events/C-SPAN-Event/10737442213

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif addressed the Pakistani–American Community at the Wardman Park Marriot in Washington, D.C. In his remarks he said that his government would strive for resolution of the energy crisis within its tenure and invited expatriate Pakistanis to invest in Pakistan. He apprised the community that during his meetings with the American top officials, he strongly advocated the case for more trade with the United States. Prime Minister assured the Pakistani–Americans of his support for an end to discriminatory treatment towards overseas Pakistani on the basis of their dual nationality. He also revealed that the government would shortly announce a package of incentives to facilitate expatriate Pakistanis’ investment in various sectors of the economy.

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama hosted Begum Kalsoom Nawaz Sharif at the White House Wednesday. Dr Jill Biden, spouse of Vice President Joe Biden, was also present in the meeting. Both first ladies exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual interests. They discussed social sector development, education and health for women in Pakistan. Begum Kalsoom Nawaz Sharif invited Ms. Michelle Obama to visit Pakistan.

Begum Kalsoom Nawaz Sharif attended a Luncheon Hosted by the Ladies Club
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PAKISTAN AND THE U.S. SIGN A FIVE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Pakistan and the United States signed a five-year extension of the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between the two countries. Jalil Abbas Jilani, Secretary Foreign Affairs Pakistan and State Department Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones signed the agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to provide a framework to strengthen scientific, technological and engineering capabilities between Pakistan and the United States; to broaden and expand relations between the extensive scientific and technological communities in the two countries; and to promote cooperation in areas of mutual benefit.

PAKISTAN AT THE 68TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF MEETS INDIAN PRIME MINISTER MANMOHAN SINGH

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif had a very positive hour-long meeting with his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh in New York on the margins of his visit to the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly. Both leaders expressed their willingness and commitment to improve bilateral relations. During the meeting both leaders agreed to stop the recent spate of attacks across the Line of Control in the disputed Jammu & Kashmir region in order for peace talks to advance. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called for the resolution of all outstanding issues including Jammu and Kashmir dispute, foreign interference in Balochistan, Siachen, Sir Creek and water issues. The Prime Minister emphasized that resolution of all issues including Jammu and Kashmir is imperative to bring about peace and security in the region.

PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF ADDRESSES THE PAKISTANI COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK

EMBASSY NEWS & EVENTS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL (RETD.) ASIF YASIN MALIK, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME

Lieutenant General (Retd.) Asif Yasin Malik, Secretary of Defense, Pakistan presented with a commemorative plaque with certificate for induction to the Hall of Fame by Major General Gregg F. Martin (Ph.D.), US Army, President of National Defense University, Washington D.C.

Lieutenant General (Retd.) Asif Yasin Malik, Secretary of Defense, Government of Pakistan was inducted into the National Defense University International Fellows Hall of Fame in a formal ceremony held at National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington DC. Secretary of Defense is the First Pakistani to be so honored. The
The purpose of this program is to provide a prestigious and visible means of honoring National Defense University graduates who have attained, through merit, the highest positions in their nation’s armed forces, service component, or government, or who have held an equivalent position in a multinational organization.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCREENS PAKISTANI FILM ‘RAMCHAND PAKISTANI’

The Embassy of Pakistan sponsored the screening of ‘Ramchand Pakistani’ at the American University’s School of International Service. The screening was part of the University’s efforts to foster global understanding through an engaging lineup of documentary films provided by Washington, D.C. embassies. Mr. Syed Naveed Safdar Bokhari, Counselor, Political Affairs, Embassy of Pakistan spoke at the event.

MR. MOHSIN CHANDNA, ECONOMIC MINISTER, EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN HOSTED A DINNER IN HONOUR OF JENNIFER FOWLER, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TERRORIST FINANCING AND FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The Embassy of Pakistan and Congressman Howard McKeon Chairman Armed Services Committee.

I to R. Cd’A Dr. Asad M. Khan, Lieutenant General Ishfaq Nadeem Ahmad, Lieutenant General Asif Yasin Malik, Secretary of Defense, Pakistan and Congressman Howard McKeon Chairman Armed Services Committee.

I to R. Mr. Brandon Possin (State Department), Mr. Mohsin Chandna (Economic Minister, Embassy of Pakistan), Mr. Anthony Cholst, (Country Coordinator, World Bank), Mr. Nishat Abedi and Mr. Bilal Hayee (Counselor Political Affairs, Embassy of Pakistan).

I to R. Ms Sarah Peck., Mrs. Mohsin Chandna, Amna Chandna , Ms Larita Bolden (Dept. of Treasury) Ms Jennifer Fowler Deputy Assistant Secretary Treasury, Mrs Nishat Abedi, Ms Kate Weber (USAID), Espie Gomez (US-PAK Business Council) and Ms Rebecca Lawlor (Dept. of Treasury)
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