All officers and staff observed 05-min silence after Jumma prayers to express solidarity with our Kashmiri brothers and sisters as the lockdown in IOJK entered into its 76th day.
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October was quite a busy month for us at the Embassy. In addition to our activities in Washington D.C., I traveled to California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kansas where I had the opportunity to interact with several Congressional representatives, local politicians, key business leaders and prominent members of Pakistani-American diaspora. I also spoke at a number of think tanks, universities, media outlets and business roundtables in these diverse communities.

This month, we organized the first-ever “Invest in Pakistan” Tech Summit in Silicon Valley where leading Pakistani startups, American Venture Capitalists and IT companies convened to showcase Pakistan’s immense potential in the IT Sector.

Our Consulate General in Los Angeles deserves appreciation for the hard work in organizing this event, which offered an excellent platform to showcase the business climate for investors in Pakistan – a fact recognized this month by the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) rankings, where Pakistan ranked amongst the top 10 economies to have achieved the biggest improvement in rankings.

We also hosted Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh, who represented Pakistan at the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank. On the sidelines, Dr. Sheikh met with senior officials from the World Bank, IMF and ADB, as well as members of US-Pakistan Business Council.

Beyond this, my team and I also remained actively engaged in advocating for an end to the humanitarian crisis in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IoJK). Several events were organized by the Embassy and our Consulates, as well as the diaspora across the United States to mark Kashmir Black Day and to protest the oppressive Indian actions in Kashmir in the last 90 days. These events were attended by a large number of human rights activists, students, media representatives and members of the Kashmiri and Pakistani-American community.

The House Foreign Affairs sub-committee on Asia & Pacific held a special public hearing on October 22, 2019 to take cognizance of the human rights situation in South Asia, focusing almost exclusively on the situation in Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir. At this hearing, as well as at other public forums, a growing number of Congressional representatives expressed their deep concern over the illegal and unilateral actions by the Indian Government resulting in a complete lockdown of the valley for the past 3 months. Similarly, the editorial pages of major U.S. print media also echoed these sentiments of concern, noting the deteriorating human rights and security situation in IOJK.

This is a long and enduring struggle and I urge all friends and colleagues who care about the humanitarian situation in Kashmir to raise their voice in support of the Kashmiri people.

Dr. Asad M. Khan, Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States
The Pakistan delegation attended the Annual Plenary of the IMF and World Bank Group which was addressed by Mr. David Malpass, WB President and Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, MD IMF.

Adviser to Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and his delegation also held numerous meetings on the sidelines of the IMF/WB annual meetings-2019.

In his meeting with the IFC team, Ms. Nena Stojilkovic, Vice President, Global Partnerships, IFC briefed Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh about IFC’s pipeline of projects in Pakistan particularly in the wind and solar sectors. She also expressed interest in providing advisory services for structuring public private partnership transactions.

US-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC) hosted a luncheon roundtable in honour of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh and members of Pakistan delegation at the US Chamber of Commerce. While talking to the participants, Dr. Shaikh highlighted the Government’s focus on improving the ease-of-doing-business and encouraged the US companies to expand their footprint in Pakistan. He mentioned that the economy is on its path to stabilization and the US businesses should benefit from investment opportunities available in the country. The roundtable was attended by senior executives of the USPBC member companies including S & P Global, PepsiCo, Motorola Solutions Inc, Citi, Google, ExxonMobil and others.

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and Pakistan delegation also met with President Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Mr Jin Liqun. They discussed the AIIB portfolio in Pakistan and potential areas of project financing by the Bank. President AIIB reiterated support for Pakistan’s development agenda and stated that AIIB was ready to increase funding for Pakistan’s priority development sectors. He said that investment in infrastructure projects has a long term positive impact on growth.

The Adviser and his delegation also met with President Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Dr. Bandar M H Hajjar. He briefed him on the current economic situation in the country and thanked the President for IDB’s technical and financial support to Pakistan.

President IDB informed that Pakistan has been identified as one of the first countries which will be supported by the Bank for strengthening market competitiveness in its core sectors. An IDB mission will soon visit the country for this purpose.
EMBASSY NEWS: DR. ABDUL HAFeEZ SHAikh ATTENDS IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETINGS CONTINUED

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Adviser to Prime Minister on Finance & Revenue Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh during a press briefing with DC-based Pakistani media at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.
STANDING WITH KASHMIR

For over three months, Pakistan’s diplomatic efforts and activities across the United States and international community have remained focused on restoring autonomy to the people of Kashmir after India’s August siege.
In an exclusive interview, Prime Minister Imran Khan spoke with CNN's Max Foster regarding the situation in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Prime Minister pointed out that 900,000 troops are not in IOJK to stop terrorism but to terrorise the population. He reiterated that the people of Kashmir want their right of self-determination. Prime Minister Imran Khan also spoke about his role in diffusing tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Watch the full interview [here](#).

**FACT** – It has been over 90 days since India improperly revoked Kashmir’s special status, bringing terror and uncertainty to countless citizens - now without a country - in the sacred region.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
STANDING WITH KASHMIR: U.S. SENATORS CALL ON PM KHAN, EXPRESS RESOLVE TO REMAIN ENGAGED ON KASHMIR

Senators Christopher J. Van Hollen and Margaret C. Hassan called on Prime Minister Imran Khan to discuss various issues of mutual interest, including the volatile situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir. The congressional delegation was visiting Pakistan to obtain first-hand information and carry out an assessment of the evolving situation following India’s unilateral move to downgrade the autonomy of occupied Kashmir on August 5. The senators said that they shared concerns on the current humanitarian situation caused by Indian actions in IOJK.

Read more here.

#LetKashmirSpeak
#StandWithKashmir

FACT: India’s decision to unilaterally invade Kashmir, violating years of UN Security Council resolutions left dozens of families without means to contact their loved ones, with one sick grandmother reportedly forced to travel through multiple checkpoints to see a doctor for treatment and care.
STANDING WITH KASHMIR: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

The House Foreign Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a congressional hearing on ‘Human Rights in South Asia’. US lawmakers criticized India’s revocation of Article 370 and its ongoing crackdown in Indian-occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

In her statement, Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asia said “While conditions in Jammu and Ladakh have improved, the Valley has not returned to normal. The Department has raised concerns with the Indian government regarding the detentions of local residents and political leaders, including three former Chief Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir. We have urged Indian authorities to respect human rights and restore full access to services, including internet and mobile networks.”

Rep. Abigail Spanberger said that “it is vital that the State Department work to gather facts, understand what’s really happening on the ground and advocate for human rights in Kashmir.”

FACT – Despite condemnation from the international community, including the UN, India’s Public Safety Act (PSA) allows for the arrest of minors without probable cause.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan gave an interview to Tom O’Connor of Newsweek Magazine. Speaking on Kashmir Black Day, Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan said that 08 million people living under siege for 84 days is a slap in the face of the international community. He called on the world community to intervene against India’s decision to consolidate control over its share of disputed Kashmir as residents in the valley remembered its painful division over seven decades ago.

Read the full interview here.

#LetKashmirSpeak
#StandWithKashmir
The Embassy organized a special event to commemorate Kashmir Black Day. Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan reiterated Pakistan’s continued moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their struggle for right to self-determination.

In his remarks, Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan referred to the recent congressional hearing on human rights violations in IOJK and expressed hope that the world would give voice to the oppressed Kashmiri people. Guest speakers highlighted various aspects of the crisis and called upon the international community to wake up and take notice of the gross human rights violations occurring in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK). Messages of the President and Prime Minister on Kashmir Black Day were also read out.

Read more [here](#).
To commemorate Kashmir Black Day and to raise awareness about the recent crisis in Kashmir, the Embassy of Pakistan organized a luncheon discussion with the students of Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In his remarks, Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan briefed the students on the history of the Kashmir dispute, the significance of Kashmir Black Day, relevant UNSC resolutions and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. While appreciating the bold position taken by U.S. President Donald Trump on the Kashmir issue, Ambassador Khan underscored that the Kashmir issue requires urgent attention of the world community, particularly the U.S. Administration.

Read more [here](#).

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
The New York Times’ in its editorial on October 2, says “Mr. Modi claims his clampdown would resolve that conflict and bring normality and development to Kashmir. But it seems more likely that it will only heighten tensions and make life more miserable for Kashmiris.”

“… The Security Council should make clear that it opposes Mr. Modi’s brutal tightening of India’s control on Kashmir. While Mr. Modi may think he can control this volatile conflict on his own, he almost certainly cannot.”

Read more here.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
STANDING WITH KASHMIR: “INDIA’S REPRESSION IN KASHMIR IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH DEMOCRACY.”
- THE WASHINGTON POST

The Washington Post, in its October 13 editorial writes against indiscriminate detentions, beatings and torture by Indian security forces in Occupied Jammu & Kashmir…

“India prides itself on being the world’s largest democracy, but these are not the actions of a democratic regime. Many of those detained are being held without due process. India’s courts, including the Supreme Court, have stalled on considering habeas corpus appeals and challenges to the emergency measures.

India has become a close ally of the United States, but that is only more reason for Washington to press Mr. Modi to end the crackdown in Kashmir, including by releasing all political detainees.”

Read more [here](#).

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir

People take part in a rally to express solidarity with Indian Kashmiris, in Lahore, Pakistan, on Oct. 6. (K.M. Chaudary/AP)
In its editorial titled Howdy, Modi! Now, about Kashmir, The Houston Chronicle says:

_We do caution that Texas’ hospitality should not be confused with an endorsement of India’s recent actions in Kashmir nor of Modi’s troubling brand of Hindu nationalism._

_…But neither increasing business ties with India nor their economic benefits should lead us to turn a blind eye to concerns among human rights groups over increasing hate speech, alienation and violence targeting religious minorities, including Muslims and Christians, and Modi’s empowerment of Hindu hard-liners._

Read more [here](#).

**FACT** – India’s PM Modi recently visited Houston, Texas, drawing a crowd of more than 50,000, including a number of protestors speaking out against the siege and illegal occupation of Kashmir.
STANDING WITH KASHMIR: CNN: THE TERRIFIED FAMILIES WHO CALL ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST MILITARIZED ZONES HOME

CNN detailed the horrors that the people of Azad Jammu & Kashmir living along the line of control face due to repeated ceasefire violations by Indian Armed Forces. CNN reporters said, after visiting the town of Jura along the LoC, that it “looked like it had been hit by an earthquake.”


#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
Two months after the Indian government revoked Kashmir’s autonomy and imposed harsh security measures across the Kashmir Valley, doctors and patients here say the crackdown has taken many lives, in large part because of a government-imposed communication blackout, including shutting down the internet.

Read more [here](#).
The World Bank’s Report on Doing Business (DB) ranked Pakistan amongst ‘Top-20 improvers in Doing Business 2020’. According to the World Bank, Pakistan has improved in six areas which are: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, paying taxes and trading across borders. As per the 2020 listing, Pakistan's improvement in the six areas is a reflection of “the country's development of an ambitious reform strategy, including the establishment of a national secretariat and prime minister's reform steering committee”.

Read more [here](#).
The Embassy of Pakistan, Washington DC in collaboration with prominent Silicon Valley companies SiFive, NETSOL and Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs (OPEN) convened “Invest in Pakistan” Technology Summit in San Jose, California. The summit was a day-long event providing a platform to Pakistani startups to initiate contact with US investors and Venture Capitalists for future collaboration and investment in Pakistan’s IT sector.

Read more [here](#).
In an exclusive interview with Forbes, Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan, outlined Pakistan's tremendous potential in the field of Information Technology. Ambassador Khan particularly referred to 'Invest In Pakistan' Tech Summit held in San Jose, Silicon Valley on 03 Oct 2019. The interview can be accessed from the following link:

Read more here.

#PakistanMeansBusiness
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan had a breakfast meeting with leading tech entrepreneurs and investors in Silicon Valley. He briefed them about the exciting opportunities for investment in Pakistan’s IT & Technology sector.

#PakistanMeansInvestment
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan spoke to the members of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce about deepening trade and business cooperation between Pakistan and U.S.

#PakistanMeansConnection
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan was the chief guest at PABA Trade Show and Conference 2109 held in Virginia. Ambassador Khan appreciated the organizers for bringing together businesses from both countries for creating win-win opportunities. He reiterated that there is tremendous potential of increasing bilateral trade between Pakistan and the US. The Ambassador highlighted government’s focus on further improving investment climate in Pakistan by ensuring ease of doing business in the country.

Read more here.
Breanna Wilson of Forbes Magazine interviewed vlogger and content creator Eva Zu Beck, who says Pakistan could be the world’s #1 tourism destination. Eva Zu Beck lived in Pakistan for 10 months, taking her time to really dig into what Pakistani culture, and it’s people, are truly like, creating videos and telling stories on her experiences there. Speaking about Pakistan, she says, “And while the landscapes, culture and food are wonderful, the best thing about Pakistan is the warmth of the people there. Those very people we are told to fear – those same people have been the kindest and most approachable I’ve encountered on all my travels.”

Read more [here](#).
There are many reasons to visit Pakistan: the breathtaking landscape, great cultural diversity, Pakistanis’ unparalleled hospitality. CNN TRAVEL highlighted Pakistan’s exquisite cuisine as one of the many reasons to visit Pakistan in an article titled “20 delicious reasons to visit Pakistan”.

Read more [here](#).
Ambassador Khan had an exchange of views with Mayor of Dallas, Eric Johnson together with a number of State Representatives from Texas including Angie Chen Button, Matt Shaheen and Carl Sherman. Mayor Johnson greatly appreciated the role of Pakistani-American community in strengthening robust ties between the two countries. On this occasion, Ambassador Khan was bestowed with the honorary citizenship of Dallas, Texas.

Ambassador Khan thanked the Mayor and the State Representatives for the great honor. He said that a broad-based relationship between Pakistan and the U.S. remains vital to achieving their common bilateral and regional interests.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH: AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN AN EVENT HOSTED BY PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS, DALLAS

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan addressed a large gathering of Pakistani-American community members in an event hosted by Pakistan Society of North Texas, Dallas. Ambassador briefed the audience on Pakistan’s perspective on the US-Pak bilateral relations and the latest developments in the region, particularly the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. He urged community members to raise their voices in conveying their legislators to take note of the gross human rights violations committed by Indian forces in IoK.

Ambassador addressing members of the Pakistani-American community at an event hosted by Pakistan Society of North Texas, Dallas.

#PakistanMeansCommunity
#PakistanMeansConnection
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan attended the Seventh HUM Award Ceremony in Houston, Texas. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Khan acknowledged the contribution of Hum TV in projecting and promoting Pakistan’s soft image abroad and for being a brand ambassador for Pakistan’s entertainment industry.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH: AMBASSADOR VISITS PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Ambassador Asad M. Khan visited Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he spoke at the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh, which is one of the oldest and most distinguished universities in the US.

During his interactions, Ambassador Khan gave an overview of Pakistan-US bilateral relationship, the prevailing humanitarian crisis in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan’s efforts for peace in Afghanistan.

Read more here.
Ambassador Khan met Congressman Mike Doyle and members of the diaspora at a dinner reception hosted in his honour in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ambassador Khan apprised the guests regarding the latest developments in the region, particularly the human rights situation in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJK). He said that the International Community, most importantly the U.S have an important role to play in saving the people of IOJK from the repressive and brutal actions being carried out by India.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH: AMBASSADOR VISITS KANSAS

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan met with Governor of Kansas, Honorable Laura Kelly and discussed bilateral trade opportunities between Pakistan and the State of Kansas particularly in the areas of agriculture and aviation.

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan met with Congresswoman Sharice Davids in Kansas, her home District. Ambassador appreciated her continued and strong support to the Pakistani-American community of Kansas.

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan was warmly received by Mayors Peggy Dunn of Leawood city, Michael Boehm of Lenexa city, Kansas State Rep.s Jerry Stogsdill, Jan Kessinger & State Senator John Skubal at breakfast hosted by ‘Greater Kansas City People to People International’.

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Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan addressed Pakistani-American community notables in Richmond at a dinner hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Attique Samdani. Ambassador had a comprehensive exchange on developments in and around Pakistan with particular focus on the humanitarian crisis in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan had a useful interaction with a panel of eminent scholars at Brookings Institute. During a round table discussion, Ambassador exchanged views on Pakistan-US bilateral relationship, Pakistan’s role in the Afghan peace process and the humanitarian crisis in Kashmir.

At an event organized by International Relations Council (IRC) in Kansas City Ambassador Khan had a comprehensive exchange on recent developments in and around Pakistan, including on Indian lockdown in Occupied Jammu & Kashmir at a big event.
Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan shared his views on “Evolving Regional Scenario-Pakistan’s perspective” at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond, Virginia. Ambassador Khan briefed the students and faculty on security dynamics in the region with particular focus on the humanitarian crisis in Kashmir. He apprised the audience about the Indian government’s brutal lockdown in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJK) and the threat it poses to peace and stability in the entire South Asian region.
ACADEMIC OUTREACH: AMBASSADOR RECEIVES GROUP OF 28 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS VISITING U.S.

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan received a group of 28 secondary school teachers visiting the U.S. under the Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) exchange program at the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.

#ThankATeacher #LearnWithPakistan
Embassy Events: Embassy Hosts Delegation of Honorable Judges and Commissioners, Punjab Overseas Pakistani Commission

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan welcomed a delegation of honorable judges and Commissioner, Punjab Overseas Pakistani Commission led by Mr. Muhammad Shamim Khan, Chief Justice of Lahore High Court at the Embassy. The delegation participated in a seminar regarding difficulties faced by Overseas Pakistanis in resolution of their legal disputes in Pakistan. Guest speakers included Syed Javed Iqbal Bokhari, Commissioner, Punjab Overseas Pakistanis Commission, Muhammad Asad Sajjad, Civil Judge/Secretary Overseas Pakistanis Cell, Lahore High Court, Shujaat Ali Khan, Justice Lahore High Court, Muhammad Qasim Khan, Justice Lahore High Court and Mr. Muhammad Shamim Khan, Chief Justice of Lahore High Court.
The Embassy of Pakistan held a special event to commemorate the “International Day of the Girl Child”. In her welcoming remarks, Ms. Zunaira Asad Khan, wife of Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan underscored the importance of female youth participation in the nation building process and acknowledged the significant contribution of Pakistani women in all walks of life. Ms. Zunaira Asad Khan along with other guest speakers expressed solidarity with the 08 million Kashmiris in IOJK who are under restrictions on movement and speech imposed by the Indian Government since 05 August 2019.

Read more here.
Embassy Events: Ambassador Hosts Pre-ball Dinner for Guests of 51st Annual Meridian Ball Celebrations

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan hosted a pre-ball dinner for the guests of the 51st anniversary celebrations of the Meridian Ball at the Pakistan House on 25 October.

From Meridian.org:

The Meridian Ball is one of the most prestigious annual events in Washington, D.C. Now in its 51st year, this event brings together members of the public and private sector to celebrate Meridian's ongoing efforts to prepare leaders for a complex global future.