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We began February by observing the Kashmir Solidarity Day to reaffirm our continued moral, political and diplomatic support for our Kashmiri brethren in their fight for the right to self-determination and pay tribute to their sacrifices and inimitable courage in the face of worst human rights abuses and atrocities by the occupying Indian security forces.

The month of February saw steadily declining COVID cases, creating hopes that return to normalcy is just around the corner. Back home, the government of Pakistan’s success in effectively handling the pandemic drew praise from Microsoft co-founder and co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Bill Gates who visited Pakistan on February 17, 2022 and met the Prime Minister and senior government officials. The fact that Pakistan has become the largest recipient of US vaccines through COVAX facility is reflective of a robust Pakistan-US partnership and an endorsement of government of Pakistan’s ability to effectively roll out these vaccines to benefit millions all across the country in a timely manner. Besides an inspiring success against COVID, a full year without detection of polio cases in the country was another landmark achievement that the nation can rightly feel proud of. Also, we witnessed a milestone by celebrating 75 years of the Pak-US relationship with the ground breaking of the first permanent headquarters for the US Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP).

We continued our interaction with the members of Congress including Senator James E. Risch, Senator Bill Hagerty, Senator Ted Cruz, Congressman Steve Chabot and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. These interactions provided important opportunity to share perspectives on bilateral relations and important regional and global developments.

I am thankful to the World Affairs Council of America for hosting me and providing me with an opportunity to discuss Pakistan-US relations and the situation in Afghanistan, especially the humanitarian and economic crisis that threatens peace and stability of the entire region.

The Embassy, in collaboration with International Friendship Club, organized the fourth episode of Webcast series on tourism in Pakistan themed "A Journey through Pakistan's Heritage." The event highlighted Pakistan’s cultural diversity, unique civilizational heritage and immense tourism potential. The event was very well received by our audience in the U.S.

The month of February saw numerous stories of our extremely talented members of diaspora excelling in various fields and making the entire nation proud of their achievements. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and wish them even greater success in months and years ahead.
Pakistan honors Bill Gates

- Highly appreciate support of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for Pakistan: Prime Minister
- Government fully committed to eradicate Polio from the Country: Prime Minister
- World must help 40 million Afghans on the verge of humanitarian crisis: Prime Minister
- Southern Districts of KP to remain vigilant and proactive in the fight against Polio: PM
- Pakistan’s commitment to ending polio is inspiring: Bill Gates

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Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) visited National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Thursday, 17 February 2022.

Bill Gates met Chairman NCOC Asad Umar and Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health, Dr. Faisal Sultan.

Later, Bill Gates along with his delegation attended NCOC session. Bill Gates and his delegation was apprised about the role of NCOC, methodology to deal with the pandemic, achievements made so far and the latest situation of the disease in various parts of the country.
Minister @AliHZaidiPTI had an in-depth exchange with US Secy Transportation @PeteButtigieg yesterday through a video con on a range of issues of interest to both sides. @PakinUSA @ForeignOfficePk

Ali Haider Zaidi @AliHZaidiPTI · Feb 2
Had a very productive video-con with US Secretary of Transportation @PeteButtigieg
We’ve agreed to work closely to address logistic issues, especially after the backlog created by #COVID19
Have also requested to establish a dedicated window for Seafarers at the @usconsulatekhi
This makes Pakistan by far the largest recipient of US vaccines. We are grateful for this generous support. @PakinUSA @ForeignOfficePk @State_SCA @StateDept

The United States is leading the world in vaccine donations. With the 4.7M Pfizer vaccines that arrived this weekend, we’ve shipped 47.3M vaccines to Pakistan so far. Get vaccinated. Get Boosted.

The United States donated an additional 4.7 million doses of the Pfizer vaccines to Pakistan via COVAX.

This donation brings the total number of COVID-19 vaccines donated by the U.S. government to the people of Pakistan to more than 47.3 million.
Productive exchanges on Pakistan-US relations and the regional security situation. During these interactions, the two sides agreed on need to strengthen bilateral trade & economic ties.
Meeting with Congressman Steve Chabot

Meeting with Congresswoman Ilhan Omar
Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C observes Kashmir Solidarity Day

Message of Prime Minister Imran Khan

Message by Prime Minister
Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Kashmir Solidarity Day
(5 February 2022)

Today, the people of Pakistan are commemorating the Kashmir Solidarity Day to reaffirm our unswerving support to the Kashmiris in their just struggle for their inalienable right to self-determination.

The Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) is an internationally recognized dispute, the resolution of which is firmly anchored in the relevant UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions.

The human rights situation in IOJK has continued to worsen following India’s illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019. The inhuman military siege, which has remained in place for almost two and a half years now, has resulted in the martyrdom of hundreds of Kashmiris.

Indian occupation forces continue to use brute force indiscriminately against Kashmiri men, women, children and the elderly. The Kashmiri youth have been particularly targeted in their campaign of unabated repression. The most oppressive illustrations of this are the use of pellet guns and destruction of entire neighborhoods including collective punishments on communities in IOJK. The unending killing spree, arbitrary arrests of Kashmiris and human rights defenders, and refusal to hand over the mortal remains of martyrs by Indian occupation forces are a matter of grave concern for people across the world.

India has unleashed the worst form of state-terrorism to break the will of the Kashmiri people and crush their legitimate struggle. The whole Indian state machinery is involved in these unspeakable crimes against humanity. The over 900,000 Indian occupation forces continue to terrorize the Kashmiris through an assault on their distinct identity and culture through illegal demographic changes and economic marginalization.

Message of President Dr. Arif Alvi

Message by President
Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Kashmir Solidarity Day
(5 February 2022)

Today, we pay tribute to the unparalleled commitment of the Kashmiris for the attainment of their legitimate right to self-determination. The entire Pakistani nation stands with Kashmiris. It is our firm belief that the Kashmiris will succeed in their valiant struggle to secure freedom from oppression and illegal occupation.

The Jammu and Kashmir dispute is one of the oldest items on the agenda of the UN Security Council. The dispute remains unresolved due to India’s obstinate refusal to honour its commitments and its disrespect for the fundamental human rights and international law.

For more than seven decades, it has been a battle of hope against overwhelming odds, of courage against fear, and of sacrifice against tyranny; but through all of it, the Kashmiri people have persisted and stood firm in the face of continuing Indian campaign of brutalization which has used every inhuman tactic and draconian laws to perpetuate the illegal occupation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK). India is using state-terrorism against the Kashmiris including extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detentions, fake encounters, staged arson-and-search operations, custodial torture, enforced disappearances, incarceration of Kashmiri leadership, use of pellet guns, and destruction of houses. Over 900,000 Indian occupation forces have turned IOJK into an open prison. Yet, the desperation of the RSS-BJP dispensation to control the indigenous Kashmiri movement has completely run aground.
Kashmir Solidarity Day was observed at the Embassy of Pakistan to reiterate Pakistan’s support for the just struggle of the people of Kashmir for their inalienable right to self-determination as envisaged in the UNSC Resolutions and in accordance with wishes of the Kashmiri people.

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Kashmir Solidarity Day observed at Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C

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Participated in the Global Kashmir Conference organized by #Kashmir Alliance Forum to observe #KashmirSolidarityDay & reiterated Pakistan’s political, moral, & diplomatic support to Kashmiris in their just struggle against Indian oppression & occupation.
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Speakers at a webinar, organized by the Pakistan Embassy in Washington, reaffirmed their unflinching support for the Kashmiri ...
World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) hosted Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan

Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan sharing his perspective on Pak-US bilateral relations and latest developments in the region during an online conversation hosted by World Affairs Council of America.

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Habib Bank Limited, Pakistan hosts a webinar “Roshan Digital Account – Bridging distances”

Habib Bank Limited of Pakistan, in coordination with Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC, organized a Webinar “Roshan Digital Account – Bridging Distances on 14th February, 2022.”

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Embassy of Pakistan in Washington DC hosted the fourth episode of its Webcast Series on tourism in Pakistan titled “A Journey through Pakistan’s Heritage – A virtual event”. in collaboration with International Friendship Club, Washington DC.

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Archaeologists in northwest Pakistan’s Swat Valley have unearthed a roughly 2,000-year-old Buddhist temple that could be one of the oldest in the country, reports the Hindustan Times. Located in the town of Barikot, the structure likely dates to the second century B.C.E., according to a statement.

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PAKISTANI AMERICANS IN SPOTLIGHT

PAKISTAN CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US

US and Pakistan break ground on US Education Foundation Headquarters

ISLAMABAD: Wednesday marked a new milestone in the 75 years of the U.S.-Pakistani relationship with the groundbreaking of the first permanent headquarters for the U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP). U.S. Embassy Islamabad Chargé d'affaires Angela P. Aggeler noted: “Today’s ground-breaking is just the next step in the tremendous work of USEFP and each of you who are dedicated to bringing our people together through education, and eager to watch it continue for decades to come.” In 1950, the United States and Pakistan officially formed a bilateral commission – now known as USEFP - to exchange Masters’ and PhD students. Today, USEFP manages a wide range of educational and professional exchange programs, including the largest Fulbright Program in the world, between Pakistan and the United States, and many thousands of alumni of those programs are leaders throughout the country.

Rita Akhtar, Executive Director of the USEFP, added that the Capital Development Authority’s land donation to this project and the participation of iconic architect Nayyar Ali Dada were further indications of how favorably Pakistan views the opportunities afforded by U.S. higher education. The new headquarters will serve as a state-of-the-art facility for managing U.S. government-funded exchange programs, such as the Fulbright program, and for the Islamabad advising center of Education USA, the official U.S. government resource for all students interested in pursuing education opportunities in the United States. – DNA

Asad M. Khan @asadmkk17 · Feb 18

In 2022 we celebrate 75 years of the establishment of a mutually beneficial and productive partnership with US #PakUSA75

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Did you know?

This year, Pakistan celebrates 75 years of friendship with the United States of America.

To commemorate, @USEFP held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new HQ in Islamabad’s H-8 education sector as awarded by the Government of Pakistan.

#PakUSA75 twitter.com/USEFP/status/1...
The Department of State announced Dilawar Syed as the new Sp. Representative for Commercial & Business Affairs. Special Representative Syed brings a strong background in business and entrepreneurship, having built global enterprises in the fields of technology, healthcare, and business services.

For the 1st time in the history of US, a Pakistani-American politician, Ahsan Chughtai, has been appointed as a senior advisor to New York City Mayor for South Asian and Muslim affairs. He will develop relationships with those communities in New York City, read the announcement.

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SOUTH ASIA INVESTOR REVIEW

Pakistani-American Saira Malik has been named chief investment officer of Nuveen which manages US$1.2 trillion in equities, fixed income, real estate, private markets, natural resources, other alternatives and responsible investments, according to US media reports.

OSCAR & BAFTA AWARDS

Legendary artist Attaullah Khan Esakhelvi’s daughter, Laraib Atta has been nominated along with her team for Oscar and BAFTA awards for their Visual Effects in new Bond film 'No Time To Die'

#LaraibAtta #AttaullahKhanEsakhel
Jahan Yousaf: I grew up in a very multicultural and fusion-oriented household in the Chicago suburbs with my two sisters Aisha and Yasmine. Our mother comes from an American-German-Lithuanian background and our father was born in Pakistan.

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Friday Times: Pakistani-American writer Usman T. Malik has won the 2022 Crawford Award, for his story collection Midnight Doorways: Fables from Pakistan (Kitab (Pvt) Ltd.). The award is presented annually by the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts.

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Entrepreneur Danish Lakhani has spent much of the last 15 years building one of Pakistan’s largest fiber broadband providers – but in a role that took him on frequent visits to China, he increasingly felt there was a bigger business opportunity to explore. Now NayaPay, the fintech platform that he launched to back that vision, has raised $13 million in one of the largest ever seed fundraising rounds in South Asia.

Will the United States see the rise of a Pakistani startup becoming a billion dollars enterprise? CEO QisstPay, Jordan Olivas said that the hopes were always there as the South Asian country’s software industry is growing at an impressive pace. But now these hopes have become high expectations, thanks to the launch of QisstPay in the United States.
Samrah enterprises, USDA brings top American brands to Pakistan

Daily Lead Pakistan: Samrah Enterprises, the leading distribution company representing many international brands in Pakistan, has lived up to its name and has brought top American brands to Pakistan, in facilitation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ITDP and the STA Committee celebrates Peshawar as one of the few amazing cities that serves as best practices and showcase real-life examples of transportation projects in cities addressing climate change, equity, and resilience.

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Pakistan's first woman scientist Tasneem Zehra Hussain to earn her PhD in the cutting-edge world of string theory is urging girls nationwide to pursue a career in science with "every field open to them." Speaking exclusively to Anadolu Agency to mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, which falls on Feb. 11.

Arooj Aftab is the moment. 🙌

On the heels of her 2021 album release "Vulture Prince," the singer and composer was recently announced a nominee for two 2022 Grammys.
That's not all! She made sure to have a cup of Chai along with Parathas at a Dhaba and visited Empress Market too. She said she was "loving the desi groove." The actress also posed with Mazar e Quaid in the back. The presence of ‘Star Wars’ actor in Karachi was first notified by journalist Sadiq Saleem with an Instagram post.