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# AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

The purpose of Pakistan Embassy's newsletter is to share with the Pakistani-American community and the Americans, our Embassy's activities in various fields.

Our core objective here is to strengthen relations between Pakistan and the United States in all fields. While we endeavor to promote trade and investment ties and foster new linkages in the climate change, health, energy and agriculture sectors, people to people contacts remain our priority. We also want to work with the US partners to expand exposure for our students and professionals in the United States higher learning institutions.



Pakistan, as you know, is the largest recipient of Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Recently in Pakistan, United States Educational Foundation (USEFP) has acquired a place for its permanent offices. This is a good development for enhancing educational cooperation between Pakistan and the United States.

Similarly, the tech sector's performance for the past 18 months in Pakistan, mainly supported by investors from the United States, has been remarkable. We would like to build on this momentum to tap these emerging opportunities to develop a multi-billion dollar industry, which will be steered by young professionals of the two countries.

Projection of Pakistan's culture here in the United States is important. We would continue to exhibit various aspects of our vibrant society, ancient and contemporary culture and millennia old civilizational heritage and U.S. contribution to Pakistan's economy and higher education.

The above priorities will enable us to strengthen underpinnings of our strategic and political bilateral relations for peace, security and prosperity in South Asia and beyond.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate valuable contributions made by my predecessor Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan towards strengthening Pak-US bilateral relations.

I wish you all well.



# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

## CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR (D-MN) VISITS PAKISTAN

### CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar met with President Arif Alvi on April 20, 2022. President Arif Alvi said that Pakistan values its long-standing relationship with Washington and hoped the constructive engagements between the two countries would promote peace and development in the region. He emphasized the need for further improving bilateral relations between the two countries. Rep. Omar said that both countries had huge potential to improve and strengthen relations. She also appreciated the role played by Pakistan in combating Islamophobia.



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif on April 20, 2022. The Prime Minister warmly welcomed her on her first-ever visit to Pakistan. He highlighted that constructive engagement between the two countries could help promote peace, security and development in the region. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar thanked the Prime Minister and hoped that her visit to Pakistan would help strengthen ties between Pakistan and the U.S. Congress.

# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

## CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR (D-MN) VISITS PAKISTAN

### MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Congresswoman Ilhan Omar called on Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar on April 20, 2022. Minister of State Khar appreciated the strong voice that Congresswoman Ilhan raised against Indian atrocities in Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and for the people of Palestine. She underscored the need to deepen engagement to promote peace and stability in Afghanistan. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar thanked the Minister of State for the hospitality extended to the delegation during their visit.

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### REP. ILHAN OMAR VISITS AZAD JAMMU KASHMIR

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar visited Azad Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, 2022. She met with President AJK and also visited the Line of Control (LoC). In a press conference she said that meeting victims of Indian ceasefire violations and “seeing them suffer” had made it all the more necessary than before to raise the Kashmir issue in the U.S. Congress.



*“Having met the Kashmiri people in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), who nurse bullet wounds due to ceasefire violations by India, was an incredible experience and this firsthand experience has put me under an obligation to stand for human rights and human dignity.”*

**- Congresswoman Ilhan Omar - April 22, 2022**

# FINANCE MINISTER VISITS WASHINGTON DC

## THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL HOSTS A CONVERSATION WITH FINANCE MINISTER OF PAKISTAN

The South Asia Center and GeoEconomics Center, Atlantic Council hosted a virtual conversation with Finance Minister Miftah Ismail on April 22, 2022 regarding the new government's strategy in addressing economic challenges and Pakistan's geoeconomics vision.

Finance Minister Dr. Miftah Ismail highlighted the economic agenda and priorities of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's government. He highlighted the government's objectives of economic and fiscal stability, recovery and growth and informed that the Fintech and digital economy sectors will be facilitated further. Mr. Frederik Kempe, President Atlantic Council said that The Atlantic Council is particularly working to promote economic cooperation between Pakistan and the U.S. He appreciated the role of Pakistani-American diaspora in this regard.

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# FINANCE MINISTER VISITS WASHINGTON DC

## FINANCE MINISTER MEETS US-PAKISTAN BUSINESS COUNCIL DELEGATION

A US-Pakistan Business Council (USPBC) delegation called on the Minister for Finance and Revenue, Mr. Miftah Ismail on April 22, 2022 at the Embassy of Pakistan. In his remarks, Minister Ismail said that attracting U.S. foreign investments in all sectors of Pakistan's economy was the government's top priority. The government was focused on creating a business friendly environment and would welcome all the suggestions. The meeting was attended by senior representatives of top 12 U.S. investors in Pakistan including Abbott, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, the Resource Group, TRG, Visa, Cargill, North Shore Medical Labs and Excelerate Energy L.P. President USPBC Esperanza Jelalian assured that USPBC will continue to engage with the government of Pakistan to seek mutually beneficial ways of enhancing cooperation. Governor SBP Reza Baqir, Secretary Finance Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh and Ambassador Masood Khan also participated in the meeting.

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# FINANCE MINISTER VISITS WASHINGTON DC

## FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WITH IMF, M/S MOODY'S AND S&P GLOBAL RATINGS

Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Mr. Miftah Ismail held meetings with Executive Directors of IMF and representatives of M/s Moody's and S&P Global Ratings at the Embassy on April 22, 2022. Minister of State for Finance Dr. Ayesha Ghous Pasha, Secretary Finance Hamed Yaqoob Sheikh and Governor State Bank of Pakistan Reza Baqir also participated in the meetings.



MOODY'S



S&P Global  
Ratings



# FINANCE MINISTER VISITS WASHINGTON DC

## INTERACTION WITH U.S. MEDIA

Ambassador Masood Khan hosted U.S. media for a briefing by the Finance Minister on the government's strategy for addressing the economic challenges of Pakistan and its geo-economics vision. Governor State bank of Pakistan, Reza Baqir was also present. Correspondents from prominent media houses attended the briefing.



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## FINANCE MINISTER ADDRESSES A PRESS CONFERENCE

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail held a press conference after talks with the IMF in Washington, D.C on April 24, 2022. He announced that the IMF expects to send a mission to Pakistan in May to resume discussions over policies for completing the 7th Extended Fund Facility (EFF) review.



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# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

## TRADE & INVESTMENT

### TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (TIFA)

Pakistan and the United States relaunched the process of Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Consultations. Assistant US Trade Representative Christopher Wilson led a delegation to Islamabad for intersessional talks on March 6, 2022.



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### U.S.-PAKISTAN AIR FORCES STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP WITH BILATERAL TRAINING EXERCISE



Airmen from the U.S. and Pakistan Air Forces conducted their first bilateral training event in three years during Falcon Talon 2022, an Agile Combat Employment operation, at a Pakistan Air Force Base from Feb. 28-March 4, 2022. The exercise was aimed at Interoperability in Complex Air Operations in realistic contemporary scenarios. The large-force ACE operation included live flying events and activities to strengthen interoperability across multiple capabilities, including maintenance and support functions.

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### BILL GATES FOR STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates wrote a letter to President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday, thanking him for "warmly welcoming" him on his first-ever visit to Pakistan in February. Mr. Gates said that his Foundation looks forward to "deepening" its relationship with the Pakistan government to tackle issues of shared interest.

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His Excellency Arif Alvi  
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Aiwan-e-Sadar  
Constitution Avenue  
Islamabad  
Pakistan

Dear President Alvi,

Thank you for warmly welcoming me on my first visit to Pakistan. It was a pleasure meeting with you, and an honor to receive the Hilal-e-Pakistan.


I commend your ongoing, high-level commitment to protecting the health and well-being of every child in Pakistan, including the work to secure a polio-free future for generations of children to come.

Pakistan has made remarkable progress in the fight against wild poliovirus, with no cases for over a year—although circulation of the disease has persisted in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Your continued engagement on polio will go a long way to accelerating your country's continue progress.

I'm also glad we had the opportunity to discuss other challenges of vital importance, particularly tackling stunting and malnutrition, access to family planning services and commodities, and effective targeting of social protection programs such as Ehsaas.

Mr. President, I look forward to a deepening partnership between the Government of Pakistan and our foundation to tackle these and other issues of shared interest. I hope we can speak again soon.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Gates

# 48<sup>TH</sup> OIC-CFM SUMMIT

## PAKISTAN HOSTS 48<sup>TH</sup> SUMMIT OF OIC-CFM “PARTNERING FOR UNITY, JUSTICE & DEVELOPMENT”



Pakistan hosted 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, on 22-23 March, 2022. Nearly 800 delegates attended the meeting. The meeting agenda included deliberations on the situation in Palestine, Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and Afghanistan. Also, issues pertaining to Africa and Muslims in Europe and developments in Yemen, Libya, Sudan, Somalia and Syria were taken up at the meeting. Islamophobia, international terrorism and cooperation in economic, cultural, social, humanitarian, and scientific domains were also discussed.



# 48<sup>TH</sup> OIC-CFM SUMMIT

## U.S. UNDER SECRETARY UZRA ZEYA ON 48<sup>TH</sup> SUMMIT OF OIC-CFM



**Under Secretary Uzra Zeya**  @UnderSecStateJ · Mar 22 ...  
Honored to represent the U.S. at the 48th Session of the @OIC\_OCI. We thank Pakistan for convening ministers on shared regional and international concerns from Afghanistan and to advancing justice for minorities, including Rohingya & Uyghurs #OIC48CFM #OICinPakistan



**Under Secretary Uzra Zeya**  @UnderSecStateJ · Mar 22 ...  
The United States looks forward to closer cooperation with the OIC and Pakistan on advancing humanitarian relief, human rights, and a more peaceful world.



**Under Secretary Uzra Zeya**  @UnderSecStateJ · Mar 21 ...  
Thrilled to be in Pakistan for bilateral meetings and to represent the US at the 48th session of the @OIC\_OCI. Together, we're advancing peace, justice & development.



**Under Secretary Uzra Zeya**  @UnderSecStateJ · Mar 21 ...  
Pakistan has offered dignity & safety to refugees for more than 40 years. I witnessed their lifesaving work providing health, education, skills training, & legal support, while visiting @UNHCRPakistan community hub in Rawalpindi. Our heartfelt thanks to Pakistan & UNHCR!



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PUBLIC DIPLOMACY INSTITUTES  
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My time in Pakistan was filled with enriching interactions & productive sessions with OIC officials, Pakistani government leaders, Afghan refugees, NGOs, & civil society champions. The United States looks forward to closer cooperation with the OIC and Pakistan on advancing humanitarian relief, human rights, and a more peaceful world

**H.E. UZRA ZEYA**

*Under Secretary for Civilian Security,  
Democracy, and Human Rights*





## PAKISTAN DAY FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY

The Embassy held a flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 82nd Pakistan Resolution Day. The ceremony was observed with full national fervor to pay homage to the vision of our forefathers and to renew our commitment to adhere to the guiding principles as outlined by the father of the nation.



# EMBASSY EVENTS

## PAKISTAN DAY

### PAKISTAN DAY RECEPTION

The embassy held a reception on the occasion of 82nd Pakistan Day . Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Mr. Dean Thompson graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The event was attended by a large number of U.S. dignitaries, members of Diplomatic Corps, academia, civil society, media, international organizations and Pakistani-American Community. Chairperson and Co-Chair of Congressional Pakistan Caucus, [Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee](#) and [Congressman Tom Suozzi](#) respectively sent video messages congratulating the Pakistani nation on the occasion.



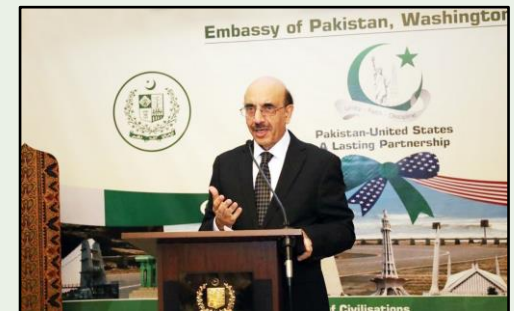
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## AMBASSADOR HOSTS INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER

Ambassador Masood Khan hosted an interfaith Iftar dinner at the Embassy on April 28, 2022. Members of the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist faiths participated. Ambassador Masood Khan said that Pakistan was trying to promote dialogue amongst civilizations and inter-religious as well as inter-denominational harmony which should build underpinnings for a world moving towards peace, security and prosperity. Guest speakers, Father Dan Rooney, Dr. Talib M. Shareef, Rabbi Lustig, Bhante Upartana, Ms. Lee Bachu and Mr. Jasvinder Singh highlighted themes of peace, religious harmony and respect for human rights. Keynote speaker Ambassador Rashad Hussain, U.S. Ambassador at large for International Religious Freedom, lauded Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision for religious freedom, protection of rights of all minorities and a polity based on the tenets of equality and tolerance for all. Famous anthropologist, scholar and renowned author, Dr. Akbar S. Ahmad cited the letter written by the Holy Prophet to the Monks of Mount Sinai which had affirmed protection of the rights of the minorities especially Christians in the Muslim state.



## EMBASSY HOSTS A CULTURAL EVENT TO PROMOTE PAKISTAN'S TOURISM POTENTIAL

The Embassy hosted a Pakistani cultural evening in collaboration with Thingstodo D.C., an organization that offers young professionals based in Washington D.C. and adjacent areas the opportunity to experience the world by introducing them to the cultures of different countries through events organized at various embassies. Mr. Gregory Bland, CEO, ThingsToDoDC /Embassy Experiences thanked the Ambassador for opening the doors of the Embassy for young professionals and introducing Pakistan to them. Celebrating Pakistani fashion, music, culture and cuisine, the event featured a fashion show, followed by a mesmerizing instrumental performance on 'Tabla' and a photo exhibition along with delicious Pakistani cuisine.



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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY




Embassy of Pakistan hosted a special event to commemorate International Women's Day. The event was organized to honor and celebrate achievements of women leaders in Pakistan and the United States. During the panel discussion, prominent Pakistani American women leaders highlighted their life journeys and shared their valuable experiences. The speakers included, Ms. Nabeela Khattak, a renowned US entrepreneur, Ms. Nargis Ali, IT Professional and CEO Sure Secure Solutions, Ms. Sadaf Jaffer, Member New Jersey General Assembly, Ms. Shamila Chaudhry, President, American-Pakistan Foundation (APF), Ms. Sabrina Siddiqui, Wall Street Journalist and Ms. Hena Khan, an award-winning writer and storyteller. Lt. General Nigar Johar, Pakistan's first woman Surgeon General sent a video message. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu also shared their views through video messages.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
MARCH 2022



**Dr. Asad Majeed Khan**  
Ambassador of Pakistan to the U.S.  
"As we celebrate International Women's Day, we honor the achievements and contributions of Pakistani women nationally and internationally. Undoubtedly, they are our pride and our strength.  
Happy International Women's Day"



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
MARCH 2022



**BATOOL KAZIM**  
Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.  
Currently serving as Counsellor at Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C. and previously served as Director U.S., Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has also served as Vice Consul at Consulate General of Pakistan, in Vancouver..



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
MARCH 2022



**MALIHA SHAHID**  
Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.  
Currently serving as Press & Culture Attaché at Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C. and has previously served as an Outreach and Advocacy professional for the Government in various capacities.



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**  
MARCH 2022



**DR. FAREHA BUGTI**  
Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.  
Currently serving as counsellor at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C. Previously served as Director India, First Secretary PAREP UN, Geneva and earlier as Deputy Director and Assistant Director China, Middle East, Spokesperson Office and Foreign Secretary Office.



## WASHINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR DR. ASAD MAJEED KHAN





# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

## AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES PAKISTAN TECH SUMMIT 2022



Ambassador Masood Khan virtually addressed 'Pakistan Tech Summit 2022' held in Silicon Valley on April 25, 2022. In his remarks, Ambassador said the time is ripe for strengthening tech bonds between Pakistan and the U.S. Ambassador Khan observed that Pakistan's youth bulge combined with its growing middle class promised bright prospects for the growth of IT sector in the country. He said that the IT sector was poised to generate tens of billions of dollars within the current decade noting that in the past 18 months, tech startups in Pakistan have earned half a billion dollars mainly supported from the U.S. Ambassador said that the Government of Pakistan will continue to take steps to create a hospitable environment for tech industry.

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## AMBASSADOR MEETS 'OPEN SILICON VALLEY' LEADERSHIP



Ambassador Masood Khan met with Andaleeb Ahmed, President OPEN Silicon Valley and Farhan Younis, Executive Team Member OPEN Silicon Valley to explore new avenues for enhancing investments in Pakistan's technology sector. Ambassador lauded OPEN Silicon Valley's initiative "Invest in Pak".

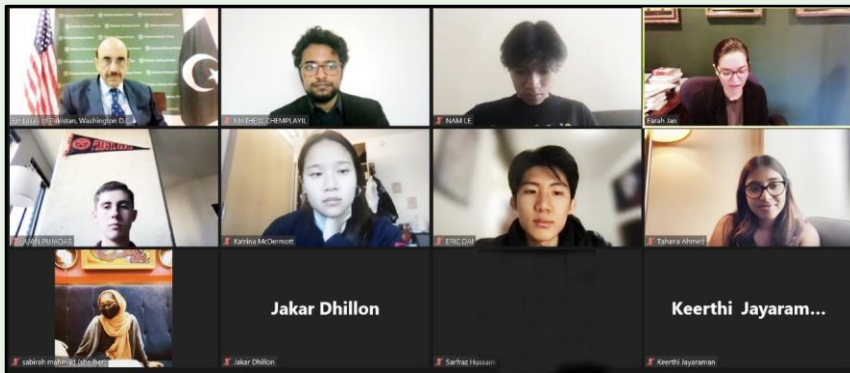


# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

## AMBASSADOR INTERACTS WITH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS



Ambassador Masood Khan had a virtual interaction with students from University of Pennsylvania. He shared his thoughts on Pakistan-US relations, the regional security situation and important global issues.



## AMBASSADOR ATTENDS IFTAR DINNER HOSTED BY GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND

Ambassador Masood Khan attended an Iftar Dinner, hosted by Honorable Larry Logan, Governor of the State of Maryland.

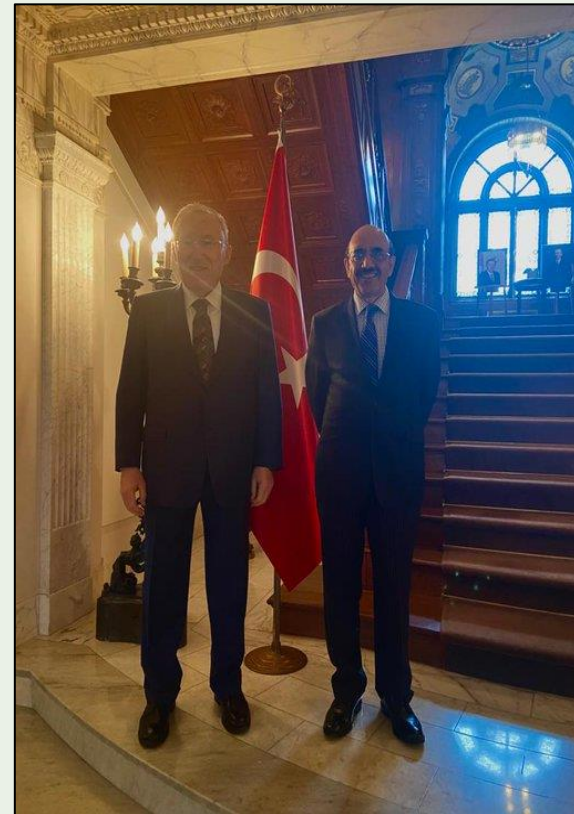


## SURGEON GENERAL PAKISTAN CALLS ON AMBASSADOR



Lieutenant General Nigar Johar, HI (M), Director General Medical Services (Inter Services) of Pakistan Army and Surgeon General of Pakistan visited Washington, D.C. on March 28, 2022 and called on Ambassador Masood Khan at the Embassy. The Surgeon General's visit provided an important opportunity to discuss further strengthening of Pak-US collaboration in health sector, especially medical training of personnel of Pakistan Army Medical Corps.

## AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.



Ambassador Masood Khan with Turkish Ambassador to the U.S. H.E. Hasan Murat Mercan



## PAKISTAN BOOTH AT CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D.C.



The Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C. collaborated with Girl Scout troops of Maury Elementary School, Washington, D.C. to set up Pakistan booth at Lincoln Park on World Thinking Day. The scouts learnt about Pakistan's rich history and cultural heritage as they put henna on their hands and enjoyed delicious Pakistani food.

## DCM MEETS WITH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM STUDENTS



Deputy Chief of Mission Syed Naveed Safdar Bokhari hosted students of the Washington Internship Program at the Embassy. He briefed them on Pakistan-U.S. relations and a range of important foreign policy issues.

# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Deputy Chief of Mission Naveed Safdar Bokhari and officers of Pakistan Embassy in Washington DC joined United States Institute of Peace for its 9th annual interfaith



Press and Culture attaché Ms. Maliha Shahid represented Pakistan at Culture Tourism DC where she gave a round up of activities that are being planned for the upcoming Passport DC 2022.



Embassy officers Ms. Maliha Shahid (Press & Culture Attaché) and Mr. Muhammad Saad Ahmed (Third Secretary) represented Pakistan at the Humphrey Fellowship Program certificate ceremony held at the American University, Washington, DC. Two bright stars of Pakistan, Pawan Singh Arora and Khoula were amongst the recipients.



# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

## DC ICON AWARDS



First Secretary Dr. Raza Shahid and Press Attaché Maliha Shahid represented the Embassy of Pakistan at DC Icon Awards organised by DC Dreams in collaboration with Pakistani-American Press Association on March 5, 2022. Renowned Pakistani Film/TV artist, Mehwish Hayat, was the guest of honour. The event was hosted to acknowledge the contributions of leaders in the Pakistani-American community.

## SPOTLIGHT: PAKISTANI TECH STARTUPS RAISE FUNDS

### **Bloomberg**

#### **Technology**

### **Pakistan Startup Abhi Raises Funds at \$90 Million Valuation**

- Country's startups raised a record over \$350 million in 2021
- VC Speedinvest funds a Pakistani startup for the first time

Pakistani financial platform Abhi Pvt. raised funds at a \$90 million valuation within a year after introducing its business, the latest startup to benefit from investors' increasing interest in the South Asian country.

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#### **Technology**

### **Pakistan's Fintech SadaPay Raises Funds Ahead of Mass Rollout**

- SadaPay is country's most-funded fintech after \$10.7 mln round
- U.S. entrepreneur moved to Pakistan to start venture

Pakistan's SadaPay raised \$10.7 million in a seed-extension round to become the nation's highest-funded fintech as it received permission for full-fledged operations that will allow it to add millions of new users.

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# PAKISTAN'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

## PAKISTAN VACCINATES OVER 100M PEOPLE AGAINST COVID-19





# PAKISTANI-AMERICANS IN SPOTLIGHT



The Government of Pakistan has conferred the Presidential Pride of Performance Award upon Dr. Kashif Ansari, a Houston-based Pakistani-American oncologist, with a specialty in bone marrow transplant, for excellence in the field of medicine.

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Watchung school board member Amber Murad won the Somerset County Republican organization line for County Commissioner.

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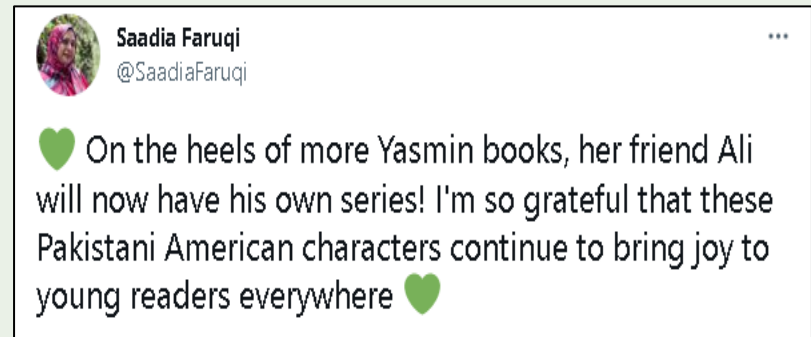
Afia Nathaniel is the director of 'Chicago Med' airing on NBC. The show is about members of the city's most highly skilled medical team saving lives while navigating their unique interpersonal relationships.



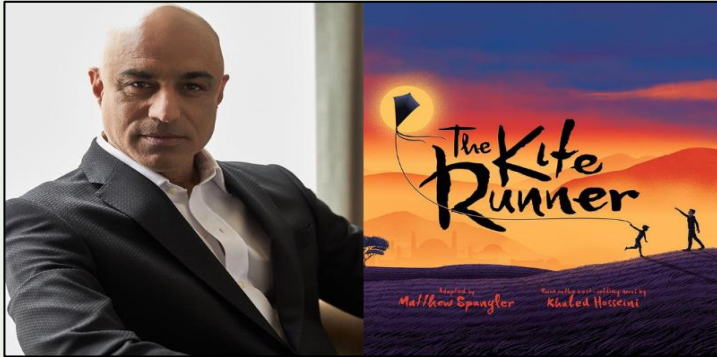
Farooq Mughal, President American-Pakistan Business Development Forum (AMPAK BDF) Atlanta, Georgia qualified for Georgia House District 105. Proud moment for AMPAK BDF and Pakistan.



Kristen Mohn at Capstone has acquired 'Ali the Great', an early reader series by Saadia Faruqi. The series is illustrated by Hatem Aly, creator of 'Yasmin'. Ali Tahir, the main character in the series, is a Pakistani-American second grader whose big ideas sometimes land him in trouble- but his even bigger heart always comes through stronger in the end. Ali the Great is scheduled for fall 2023.



# PAKISTANI-AMERICANS IN SPOTLIGHT



Khaled Hosseini's 2003 novel *The Kite Runner* has been adapted into a Broadway play and Pakistani-American actor Faran Tahir has been cast to play Baba, the father of protagonist Amir.

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Shehroze Kashif, 19, is the youngest Pakistani climber to reach the highest peak in the world.

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Pakistani girl, Emma Alam wins Global Speed Reading Competition


Dr. Mehwish Martin receives Governor Award from Governor Punjab for exemplary service to her community.

Pakistan's Emma Alam on Monday won the 13th World Speed Reading Championships finals, beating more than 100 competitors from all over the world.

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# TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS

 **Masood Khan** ✓  
@Masood\_Khan

The US State Department has removed COVID related travel remarks for its travel advisory for Pakistan. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 1 Travel Health Notice for Pakistan due to COVID-19, indicating a low level of COVID-19 in the country.

 **Masood Khan** ✓  
@Masood\_Khan

Glad to share that consequent upon signing of [@better\\_work](#) Agreement with [@ILO](#) , [@WaltDisneyCo](#) has included Pakistan 🇵🇰 as a sourcing destination for Disney-branded products [@mincompk](#)

 **theeconomicwolf**  
Breaking News

**BREAKING: Walt Disney has authorized its vendors and licensees to procure Disney branded products from facilities in Pakistan**

- Walt Disney

 **Masood Khan** ✓  
@Masood\_Khan

[#Pakistani-Georgians-Day](#). Thank you so much for this friendly gesture Senator Sh Rahman [@Rahmanforga](#), the Senate and Lt Gov [@GeoffDuncanGA](#). Great Declaration bringing Pakistan and Georgia closer [@abrarhashmi88](#).

 **Abrar H Hashmi** ✓ @abrarhashmi88 · Apr 28

A unique honour. Gratitude to Senator [@Rahmanforga](#), The Senate & Lt. Governor [@GeoffDuncanGA](#) declaring Pakistan Day-2022 as Pakistani-Georgians Day in the State. Highly commend work of [@PakAmFriendsATL](#) [@PakinUSA](#) [@ForeignOfficePk](#) [@HinaRKhar](#) [@Masood\\_Khan](#) [@Fntirmizi](#) [@PakinHouston](#)



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# TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS

  
**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN**  
 DIRECTORATE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS  
 MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
 ISLAMABAD


**Logo design Competition**


Celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan  
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 till **May 15, 2022**

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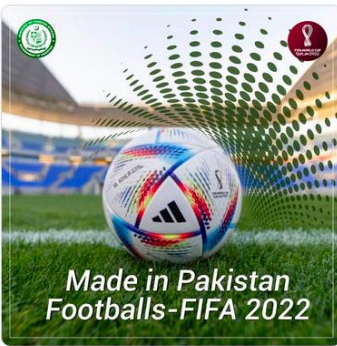
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'Al Rihla' meaning 'the journey' is the official football for @FIFAcom #QatarWorldCup2022 !

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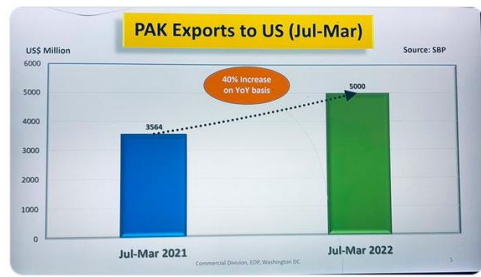
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As per SBP Jul-Mar trade data, Pak exports to US have crossed \$5B mark registering 40% increase on YOY basis in 3Qs of the FY 2021-22. Source:SBP



Period	Exports (US\$ Million)
Jul-Mar 2021	3564
Jul-Mar 2022	5000

Source: SBP

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Thanks to our Overseas Pakistanis, #RoshanDigitalAccount had one of its best months ever in March, with deposits of \$290mn & 23,312 new accts. Since its launch, #RDA has gone from strength 2 strength, w/ total deposits surging to \$3.92bn & 388,494 accts opened from 175 countries.

After surging to a six-month high in March, Roshan Digital Account deposits have risen to \$3.92 billion



Month	Deposits (US\$ millions)
Sep 2020	~10
Oct 2020	~15
Nov 2020	~20
Dec 2020	~25
Jan 2021	~30
Feb 2021	~35
Mar 2021	~40
Apr 2021	~45
May 2021	~50
Jun 2021	~55
Jul 2021	~60
Aug 2021	~65
Sep 2021	~70
Oct 2021	~75
Nov 2021	~80
Dec 2021	~85
Jan 2022	~90
Feb 2022	~95
Mar 2022	290

# BEYOND THE HEADLINES

## BAZAAR RAISES \$70 MILLION IN FUNDING



Bazaar founders Saad Jangda and Hamza Jawaid announced the successful completion of a \$70 million Series B funding round. Bazaar targets procurement for 5 million or so small and medium-sized retailers operating across Pakistan.

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## COLABS GETS \$3 MILLION SEED TO LAUNCH BACK-OFFICE SAAS SOLUTION ACROSS PAKISTAN

Lahore-based coworking space startup 'Colabs' secured \$3 million in seed funding and is set to roll out a SaaS product to enable businesses to meet back-office needs including company registration, talent sourcing and management, payroll processing, and legal and tax compliance.



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## PAKISTAN'S BUZZIEST STARTUP HAS CREATED A NEW CLASS OF FOUNDERS

Airlift Technologies, a logistics solutions startup, has helped change the destiny of many young professionals in Pakistan. It has inspired several Pakistani startups such as Dastgyr, agri-tech supply chain startup EasyFresh Technologies, and inter-city courier service Parcel Logistics, among others.



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## PAKISTANI FILM 'JOYLAND' TO BE SCREENED AT CANNES



Saim Sadiq's film "Joyland" is the first Pakistani film to be screened at Cannes Film Festival 2022. It will be one of fourteen feature films to be premiering at Cannes.

## PAKISTANI TEEN WINS NYT 'INVENT A WORD' CHALLENGE

**oblivionaire** \ ə- 'bli-vē-ə-ner \ noun

A billionaire who chooses to be blind to the disparity and inequality that his or her wealth is creating

Derivation: a combination of "oblivious" and "billionaire"

## PAK-AMERICAN JOINS PRIMETIME MSNBC



Congratulations to Pakistani-American Fareeha Rehman who joined MSNBC as their nightside Platforms Editor.

Kudos to 16 year old Rohana Khattak from Pakistan for inventing a new English word 'oblivionaire', winning The New York Times' 'Invent a Word' challenge.

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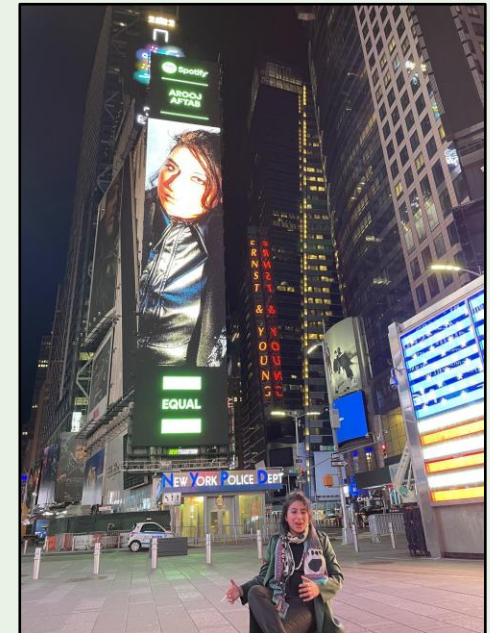
## 'AMERICAN ISH' TO BE FEATURED AT DFW SAFF



Written by Iman Zawahry and Aizzah Fatima, 'American\*ish' is set to be featured at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dallas/ Fort Worth South Asian Film Festival. The film is about career-driven sisters Maryam and Sam and their newly-immigrated cousin Ameera who must navigate the consistent and sometimes conflicting demands of romance, culture, work, and family.



# BEYOND THE HEADLINES



Two-time Grammy nominee Arooj Aftab was featured on a billboard in Times Square, New York as Spotify's artist of the month for their "EQUAL Pakistan" initiative.



Pakistani off-road motor car racer, 22 year old Maham Shiraz, breaks barriers and inspires young girls in her country as she competes in an off-road rally race in Pakistan.

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