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Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Washington, D.C.

# EMBASSY NEWSLETTER

**JULY 30 – AUGUST 14, 2022**









## PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF TALKS TO BILL GATES



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif spoke over phone with Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). They discussed the ongoing public health and social sector programmes supported by BMGF in Pakistan. The Prime Minister appreciated the valuable support extended by the BMGF to Pakistan in polio eradication and improving immunisation, nutrition and financial inclusion in the country.

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## PAKISTAN U.S. EDUCATION COOPERATION

 **Masood Khan**  @Masood\_Khan · Aug 3  
Delighted to receive a group of bright and dynamic  students visiting  under the #UGRADPK and #SUSI Exchange programs from across Pakistan at the Embassy, today. Educational exchanges remain a key pillar of   relationship.  
@UGRADPakistan @ECAatState @UMassAmherst  
#PakUSAt75



**A GROUP OF BRIGHT AND DYNAMIC PAK STUDENTS VISITING UNITED STATES UNDER THE UGRADPK AND SUSI EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**



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# PAKISTAN U.S. RELATIONS



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF PAK-U.S. RELATIONS

**BilawalBhuttoZardari** ✓  
@BBhuttoZardari

This year we celebrate 75 yrs of Pak-U.S. diplomatic relations. We enjoy longstanding partnership & cooperate in many areas inc: education, environment, public health, trade, & cultural preservation. Look fwd to working together & celebrating milestone.  
[#PakUSAt75](#) [@secBlinken](#)





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# PAKISTAN U.S. RELATIONS



## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN



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Happy Independence Day, Pakistan! Our nations have enjoyed 75 years of partnership in many sectors including our people-to-people ties & health sector cooperation. The U.S. looks forward to growing our robust relationship! [#PakUSAt75](#)



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# PAKISTAN U.S. RELATIONS



US SECRETARY OF STATE, ANTONY J. BLINKEN ON THE OCCASION  
OF PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - AUGUST 13, 2022

“

On behalf of the United States of America, I send warm wishes to the people of Pakistan as they celebrate their 75th Independence Day.

In addition to 75 years of independence, this year also marks 75 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Pakistan. We enjoy robust cooperation in many sectors, from the tens of thousands of Pakistani exchange students who have come to the United States to the 77 million COVID-19 vaccine doses we have committed to Pakistan through COVAX. The United States continues to be Pakistan's largest export destination and I am confident our relationship will continue to grow. As we commemorate our 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations, let us resolve to renew and strengthen our partnership for the next 75 years and beyond.

We congratulate you on this important milestone and wish you a Happy Independence Day!

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# PAKISTAN U.S. RELATIONS



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF PAK-U.S. RELATIONS



#Pakistan celebrates 75-years of its diplomatic relations with the US. President Truman's letter addressed to our founding father Quaid-e-Azam, set the foundation for this relationship.

#PakUSAt75



#Pakistan wishes to continue to advance the long-standing bilateral relationship through enhancing trade, commercial, and people-to-people ties.

#PakUSAt75



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- @usembislamabad
- @PakinUSA



# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS




Masood Khan ✓  
@Masood\_Khan

Thank you so much Secretary Blinken @SecBlinken for the United States' support for relief to the flood victims and for building resilience against natural disasters. Deeply appreciate.



Secretary Antony Blinken ✓  
@SecBlinken  
United States government official

We stand by Pakistan in hard times and offer our support to flood victims. In addition to \$100,000 in immediate relief, the U.S. announced \$1 million to build resilience against natural disasters, and we continue to work together to mitigate future impacts of the climate crisis.



The United States Government  
will provide

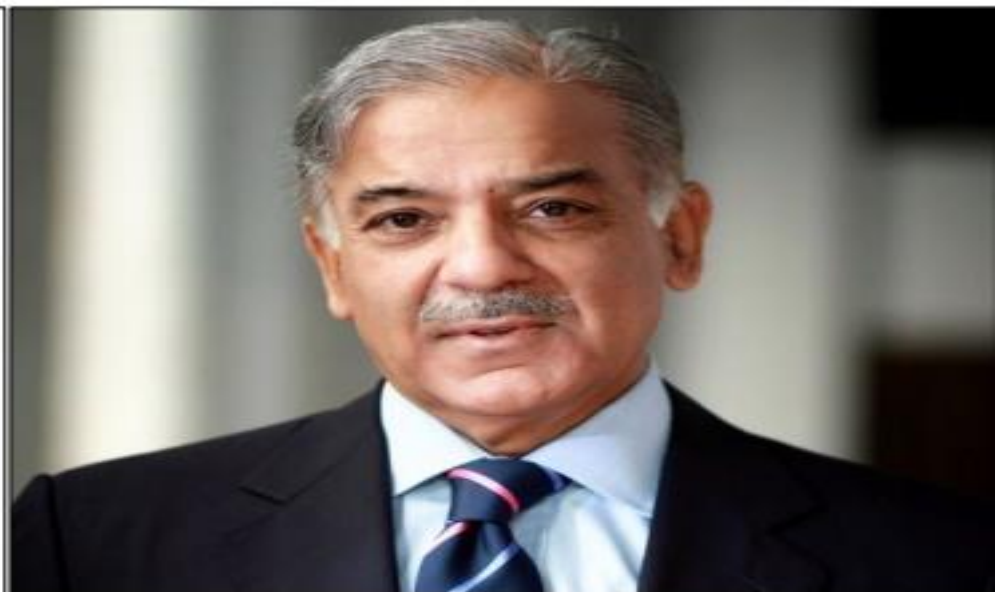
 **\$100,000**

to support **flood relief efforts**  
& **humanitarian assistance** to  
**vulnerable communities** in the  
**worst-affected districts.**



# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA

PRIME MINISTER SHEHBAZ SHARIF GIVES AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO NEWSWEEK



Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif spoke with *Newsweek* Senior Foreign Policy Writer Tom O'Connor about the urgent need for greater international cooperation, the role Pakistan could play in preventing the world from sliding into an ever deeper set of crises, and other matters of importance.

- ❖ “Pakistan and the U.S. have a longstanding relationship encompassing diverse areas of common interest. It is our endeavor to build a broad-based and sustainable partnership on the basis of mutual respect and mutual benefit.”
- ❖ “The government remains committed to maintaining constructive and sustained engagement with the U.S. with a view to further strengthening and diversifying our relationship for the benefit of our two countries.”
- ❖ “We believe that constructive engagement with all countries can promote peace and security as well as development and connectivity in the whole region. We look forward to remaining engaged with the international community for peace and stability in the region and beyond.”
- ❖ If China and the U.S. so desire, Pakistan would be happy to play a positive role to bridge their differences, as we had done in the past.

Read the full interview [here](#).



## AMBASSADOR MASOOD KHAN INTERVIEW WITH IRUM ABBASI, VOICE OF AMERICA



To watch complete interview, click [here](#)

# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA



**Newsweek**

**Pakistani Ambassador to the US, Masood Khan, has warned that high tensions between India and Pakistan over the Jammu and Kashmir dispute risk sparking yet another crisis.**

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# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA

## Technology

### Pakistan OneLoad Raises Funds as Fintech Competition Picks Up

- Pakistan has the world's third-largest unbanked population
- OneLoad is one of the early leaders among Pakistan's fintech

Bloomberg

[READ HERE.](#)

## Markets

### Pakistan's Rupee, Bonds Surge on Export Payment, IMF Optimism

- Higher inflows due to exporter payments boost rupee demand
- IMF clarity also boost optimism over loan: Vector Securities

Bloomberg

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### Pakistani cloud-based SaaS firm Remoty bags angel funding from Google Execs, other

Remoty, a cloud-based SaaS startup, disrupting the human resources industry, has raised an angel round of funding from Pakistan-focused VC firm Deosai Ventures, RepairDesk founder Usman Butt, and executives of Google and the US-based payroll and compliance provider Deel.



Deal  
street  
Asia

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# EMBASSY EVENTS

## YOUME—ISTEHSAL ON AUGUST 05, 2022



**MASOOD KHAN**  
PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR  
TO THE US



**MUSHAHID HUSSAIN**  
SENATOR



**KIELL MAGNE  
BONDEVIK**  
FORMER PM OF NORWAY



**MP AFZAL KHAN**  
MEMBER PARLIAMENT  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



**RIZWAN KADIR**  
KASHMIRI-AMERICAN  
ANALYST



**MP NAZ SHAH**  
MEMBER PARLIAMENT  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



**LORD WAJID KHAN**  
MEMBER PARLIAMENT  
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



**SHAMIM SHAWL**  
KASHMIRI HURRIYAT  
LEADER

The Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC hosted a Webinar to mark the 3rd “Youm-e-Istehsal” (The Day of Exploitation) on August 5, 2022. Addressing the panel, Ambassador Masood Khan said “The United Nations should take a fresh initiative, engage on the subject and the permanent members of the Security Council should take cognizance of the situation lest this dispute should become a blind spot for international security of international community”.

Senator Mushahid Hussain stated “There is insidious design to transform the demographic balance of Indian occupied Kashmir and make the Muslim majority into a minority.”

Former Prime Minister of Norway Kjell Magne Bondevik said “It is high time and urgent to initiate new political efforts which can pave the way for a ceasefire and for peace. The United Nations should feel a responsibility, and I also will appeal to my friend, Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take such an initiative”.

Other panelists included Deputy Leader of the House of Commons UK, MP Afzal Khan, Kashmiri Hurriyat leader, Ms. Shamim Shawl, Member Parliament UK, Lord Wajid Khan, Member Parliament UK, Naz Shah, and Kashmiri American Mr. Rizwan Kadir.

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## YOUME—ISTEHSAL ON AUGUST 05, 2022



OVER **900,000** OCCUPATIONAL FORCES MAKE INDIAN ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED JAMMU & KASHMIR (IIOJK) THE **MOST MILITARIZED ZONE** IN THE WORLD



WE CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DEMAND AN END TO INDIA'S GROSS AND WIDESPREAD HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, REVERSAL OF ITS UNILATERAL AND ILLEGAL ACTS OF AUGUST 5, 2019, REPEAL OF DRACONIAN LAWS THAT FLY IN THE FACE OF ITS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT UNSC RESOLUTIONS.



## YOUME—ISTEHSAL ON AUGUST 05, 2022

THE WORLD'S LARGEST OPEN PRISON

# KASHMIR



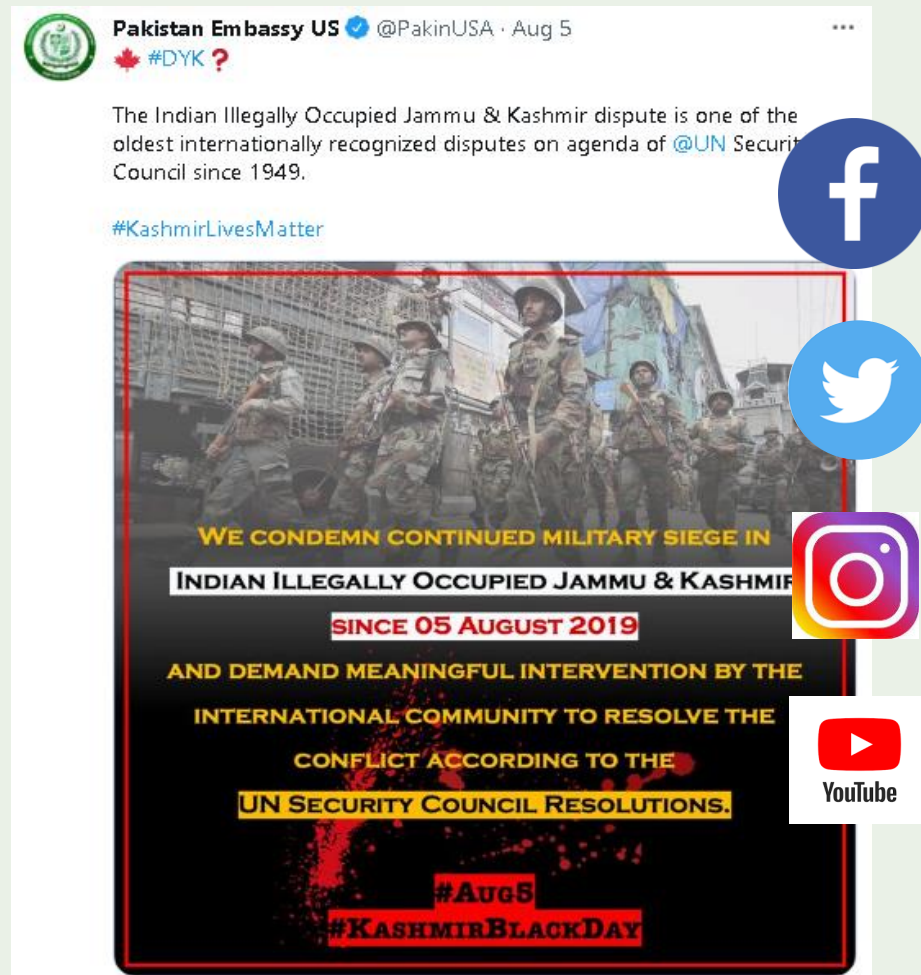
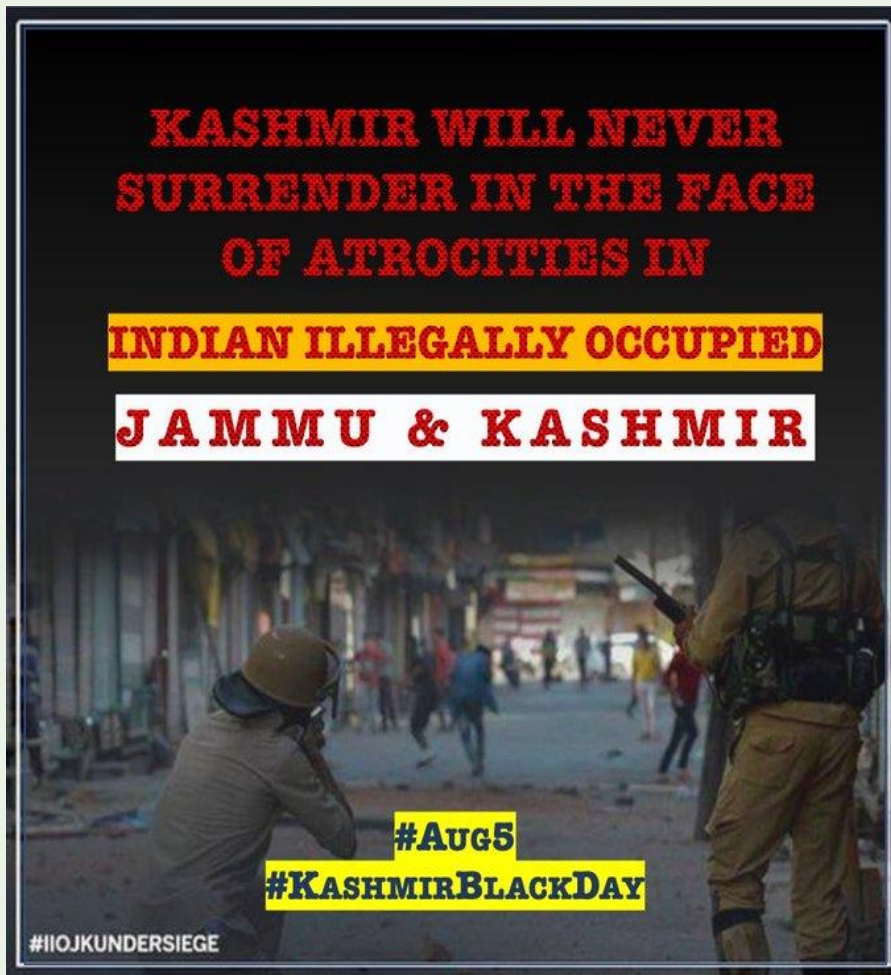
**Pakistan Embassy US** @PakinUSA · Aug 5

We at @PakinUSA, ppl across 🇵🇰 & the world join ppl of #IIOJK in solemnly observing #Youm\_e\_istehsal\_e\_Kashmir. Today marks **109** **5** days of India's Illegal occupation, marking clampdowns on fundamental rights & freedoms, & suspension of civil & pol rights.

#KashmirLivesMatter



## YOUME—ISTEHSAL ON AUGUST 05, 2022





## YOUME—ISTEHSAL ON AUGUST 05, 2022

(EVENT AT EMBASSY)



The speakers highlighted the history of Jammu & Kashmir dispute, ongoing atrocities & brutalities being perpetrated by Indian occupying forces in IIOJK since 5th Aug 2019.



[Link to Press Release](#)



## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN



**(Cake cutting Ceremony by US Ambassador Blome in Pakistan) Embassy)**



**(Cake cutting Ceremony by Ambassador Masood Khan in Washington DC)**



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## EMBASSY EVENTS

### 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN (Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Embassy)



A flag hoisting ceremony was organized at Embassy of Pakistan, Washington to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day in which a large number of Pakistani community participated.



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## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN



Ambassador Masood Khan and Elizabeth Horst, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State received a sculpture of Quaid-i-Azam by Fakeero Solanki, famous Pakistani sculptor commissioned by Sofyan and Zarmina Yusufi.<sup>20</sup>

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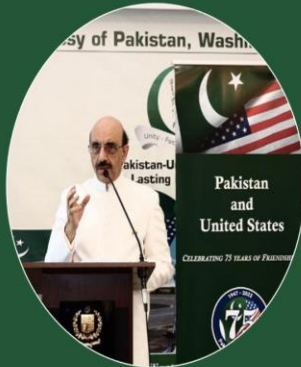
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# EMBASSY EVENTS

## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN



“ We in Pakistan believe that creation of our state was divine will. We are custodians of this trust, this vision called Pakistan. ”



Ambassador Masood Khan on the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan – August 14, 2022

“ Nation-building has not been an easy task for us. We rode through many storms. Many challenges lie ahead. But as individuals, communities and a nation, we are confident that we will succeed. God is with us. ”



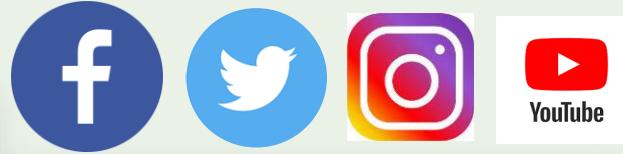
Ambassador Masood Khan on the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan – August 14, 2022



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# EMBASSY EVENTS

## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN




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In his message on Independence Day of Pakistan today, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States @Masood\_Khan has said today is a special day for us - in Pakistan and in the United States.

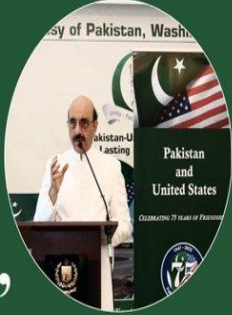
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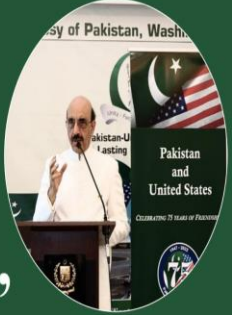
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## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE FELICITATIONS FROM PAKISTANI AMERICANS





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# EMBASSY EVENTS



## 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN (BULL RUN PARK EVENT)





## NATIONAL MINORITIES DAY



Over the years, we have taken steps to empower minorities to ensure their representation in administration, legislatures, judiciary, civic institutions & the private sector”, Ambassador said during a special event held at the embassy to mark National Minorities Day.

[Link to Press Release](#)

## MEETING WITH NICK SCHIFRIN, SENIOR CORRESPONDENT, NEWS HOUR



## MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND CEO AMBASSADOR GREEN AND MICHAEL KUGELMAN OF THE WILSON CENTER.



# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

## MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE MARYLAND JOHN C. WOBEN SMITH



## MEETING WITH ACTING VP ILLANGO PATCHAMUTHU OF WORLDBANK



## MEETING CHARLES NORTH OF GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION



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US remains top exporter of Pakistani Products  
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The top Export destination of Pakistani products during the fiscal year 2021-2022 is the United States of America...see more

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**Business Recorder** @brecordernews · Aug 2

Jonathan Siddharth, the CEO and co-founder of California-based IT company Turing, said Pakistan is emerging as among the top choices for US companies.

[brecorder.com/news/40189622/...](https://brecorder.com/news/40189622/...)

#JonathanSiddharth #Turing #Pakistani #developers



## PAKISTANI MANUFACTURED FOOTBALLS TO BE USED IN FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



Al Rihla football, which is produced in Sialkot, would be used in the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

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## VIRTUAL TOWNHALL

In line with the Government of Pakistan's emphasis on providing efficient services to the Pakistani community abroad

**H.E Masood Khan**  
Ambassador of Pakistan to the US



will hold a

### VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

on Saturday, August 06, 2022 at 12:00 PM EST



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**Ambassador will personally listen to the complaints of community members in the US with a view to resolving them on merit.**

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**Please join us if  
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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## MEETING WITH SANIA ALAM HMD & SHOMIE ALAM, PAK-US TALENTED YOUTH



## MEETING WITH CEO SHAN FOOD, MR. SIKANDAR TIWANA & MR. NAVEED KHAN GLOBAL HEAD OF SALES.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR THE INTERNEES



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