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Commerce Minister visits Washington D.C.



Private Sector to play key role in forging robust Pak-US trade ties: Commerce Minister

Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar met leadership of American Apparel & Footwear Association and representatives of Pakistani leading businesses. Secretary Commerce Muhammad Sualeh Ahmed Faruqi briefed the participants about various steps being taken to facilitate business community and address their issues.

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USPBC hosted luncheon meeting for Commerce Minister

The USPBC was pleased to host Pakistan's Commerce Minister Naveed Qamar at the Chamber for a luncheon on the sidelines of the #USPakistan TIFA Ministerial to discuss ways to strengthen the bilateral #economic and #commercial relationship.

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Commerce Minister meets U.S. Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs

Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar met U.S. Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs Mr. Dilawar Syed. Mr. Dilawar Syed was accompanied by Elizabeth Horst, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pakistan, Brian J. McGrath and Jeff Rubenstein.

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar interaction with Pakistani Media

Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar has said that the meeting of Pakistan-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Ministerial Council meeting reflected mutual understanding and commitment of Pakistan and United States to pursue a broad-based agenda.

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Dinner in honor of all participants of Pakistan US Trade & Investment Framework (TIFA) Council

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar meets Ambassador Tai

Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar and United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai met during the 9th meeting under the U.S. Pakistan Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA)

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar virtual meeting with Pak US Tech Entrepreneurs

Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar held a virtual interaction with Pakistan-US tech entrepreneurs from Silicon Valley. He appreciated the participants for their efforts in strengthening Pakistan's tech sector & assured them of the GOP's continued support for facilitating their investments.

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar
in an interview with Eric Martin of
Bloomberg



Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar in an
interview with Irum Abbasi of Voice of America

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed
Qamar in an interview with Andrea
Shalal of REUTERS

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Commerce Minister Syed Naveed Qamar interacts with Prominent members of Pakistani American Community in Washington DC

Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety visits Washington D.C.

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A delegation of USAID, headed by Michael Schiffer, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Asia, called on Federal Minister for Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Ms. Shazia Marri

The meeting discussed in detail various interventions being made under the umbrella of Benazir Income Support Program, to provide relief to the vulnerable sections of the society. The Federal Minister briefed the USAID delegation about the devastations caused by catastrophic floods of 2022, which inundated one third of the country.

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**Federal Minister for
Poverty Alleviation
and Social Security
Shazia Marri held a
meeting with Michal
Rutkowski, Global
Director for Social
Protection and Jobs
at the World Bank
in Washington D.C**

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Minister for Narcotics Control visits Washington D.C.



**Dinner in honor of Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti, Federal Minister, Ministry of
Narcotics Control**

AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO MASSACHUSETTS



PAKISTAN AND UNITED STATES RELATIONS MOVING TOWARDS ENHANCED COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP: AMBASSADOR MASOOD KHAN

“Over the past seven decades we have built a strong relationship between Pakistan and the United States,” said Masood Khan while delving on the history of Pak-U.S. relations, during his talk on Pakistan-US partnership for Regional Peace and Stability organized by the South Asian Study Council at Yale University.

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AMBASSADOR AT YALE UNIVERSITY



Masood Khan calls for climate justice

Pakistan Ambassador to the US Masood Khan emphasized the need for the international community to find collective solutions to dealing with the challenges of climate change and its dire consequences for the planet. “The devastating floods in Pakistan last year testified to the growing magnitude of climate disasters,”

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Ambassador @Masood_Khan calls for climate justice @Yale . He made these remarks during a panel discussion on Environmental Justice and Public Health



AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO MASSACHUSETTS



People-to-people ties have been at the heart of Pak-US relations

As Pakistan charts its way forward to establish foundations of a strong economy, Ambassador Masood Khan said that there are immense opportunities for forging new linkages between Pakistan and the United States

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AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO MASSACHUSETTS



Ambassador Masood Khan
addressed students of Global
History and Economics at UMass
Amherst Regional Public School

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KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY



The human rights situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) remains a source of grave concern to Pakistan and the rest of the world. India has brazenly targeted Kashmiri men, women and children through curfews, blackouts, arbitrary detention, imprisonment, and denial of basic rights.



SHEHBAZ SHARIF
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Message on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day



India is mistaken if it believes it can crush the iron will of the Kashmiri people. No amount of state terrorism, unleashed by Indian Occupation Forces, can break the will of the Kashmiris or undermine their legitimate struggle.



SHEHBAZ SHARIF
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Message on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day



**Message from Muhammad
Shehbaz Sharif Prime Minister
of the Islamic Republic of
Pakistan**



Every year, on the fifth of February, the people of Pakistan reaffirm their solidarity with their Kashmiri brothers and sisters. On this Kashmir Solidarity Day, we renew our commitment of our unflinching support to them in their just struggle for inalienable right to self-determination.



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We urge India to honour its commitments made to Pakistan, the UN and, above all, to the Kashmiri people.





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Message from Dr Arif Alvi
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
(On the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day I.e. 5th February 2023)

Today, Pakistan calls upon India to allow unfettered access to the UN and OIC observers, international media and human rights organizations to IIOJK to obtain first-hand information about the situation there, and investigate and report the human rights violations. Pakistan also urges the international community and organizations to take practical steps to hold India accountable for its gross and widespread human rights violations in IIOJK.





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It is alarming that India is undertaking demographic changes in IIOJK by bringing non-Kashmiris to settle in the valley. India's heavy-handed approach frequently manifests itself in extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detentions, custodial torture, enforced disappearances and the use of pellet guns in IIOJK. India has muzzled the media and incarcerated the Kashmiri leadership and defenders of human rights. These excesses and brutalities have been well-documented by several human rights organizations and international media outlets.



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India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019 in IIOJK were a blatant violation of international law, including the UN Charter, the 4th Geneva Convention, and the relevant UN Security Council resolutions. India has been consistently engaged in efforts to further entrench these illegal measures through artificial demographic changes, political engineering, economic marginalization of the local people and an assault on Kashmiri identity and culture.



Message from Dr. Arif Alvi
President of the Islamic
Republic of Pakistan

KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY

Message from the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day



As we observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day, the people of Pakistan salute the sacrifices of our Kashmiri brothers and sisters who have suffered for more than seventy-five years under brutal Indian oppression.

For over seven decades, Indian Occupation Forces have brutalized the Kashmiris and denied them their rights. Today, Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) is one of the most-militarized zones of the world,... [Read More](#)



Harness diplomacy to resolve Kashmir, avert war, usher peace and prosperity: Masood Khan

“The current state of affairs in Indian-occupied Jammu & Kashmir is abysmal. “There are human rights violations. There are killings. There is torture. The people are being persecuted. There is no freedom of expression at all. People are in a mass prison.

To a question regarding Pakistan’s willingness to talk, Masood Khan said that Pakistan and Kashmiris were always ready to talk. He, however, reiterated that for any meaningful and result-oriented talk, India must held in abeyance its illegal and unilateral actions that were taken on August 2019 in the Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

“India must discard its condescension. Its attitude is dismissive. This does not help. You have to respect your neighbors,” said Ambassador Khan.



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“India’s illegal occupation of J&K and the attempt to impose illegal writ is against international law and the wishes of Kashmiris” Ambassador @Masood_Khan #KashmirSolidarityDay



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Wes Martin



Ambassador Masood Khan



Dr. Imtiaz Khan



Afzal Khan MP



Senator Mushahid Hussain



Naz Shah MP

Ambassador Masood Khan participated in a webinar on Kashmir Solidarity Day February 05, 2023

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January 1989 - 31 December 2022

Custodial killings	7,282
Women Widowed	22,954
Children Orphaned	1,07,892
Civilian Arrested	1,65,428
Total Killings :	96,163

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FEBRUARY
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ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Alliance of GSP Countries seeks bipartisan support for renewal of US GSP Program

“Masood Khan terms US GSP Program critical in strengthening trade ties, spurring growth”

Alliance of GSP Countries, comprising 27 nations, has called upon the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, in a letter, for their bipartisan support to expedite legislation for renewal of US Generalized System of Preference (GSP) Program for developing and the least developed countries.

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Ambassador Masood Khan visits Embassy of Republic of Türkiye to express solidarity with Turkish brethren

Meets his Turkish Counterpart, expresses heartfelt condolences, assures all possible support. Conveys sympathies and sentiments of Pakistani nation while recording his remarks in the Condolence book. “The entire Pakistani nation is in mourning. Your grief is our grief,”

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Ambassador Masood Khan telephones his Turkish counterpart

Ambassador Masood Khan has expressed his heartfelt sympathies and deep condolences to his Turkish counterpart in Washington over the loss of precious lives and massive destruction caused by the devastating earthquake.

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Pak-US partnership critical for transformation to renewables: Masood Khan

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- Government committed to ensuring transparency, accountability in utilization of flood assistance: Masood Khan
- Parliaments across the globe to be convinced about the challenges posed by climate change: Masood Khan

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Ambassador Masood Khan meeting with Rear Admiral Eileen Laubacher, Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for South Asia

Ambassador Masood Khan meeting with Mallory Stewart, A/S Bureau of Arms Control, Verification And Compliance



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Pakistani American doctors at the forefront in mobilizing resources for calamity-hit Turkish brethren

Ambassador Masood Khan lauds APPNA & Pak diaspora for their humanitarian services. APPNA chapters across the United States make generous contributions towards relief efforts, APPNA raises \$ 365,000.

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Ambassador Masood Khan meets with the Leadership of US Soybean Export Council

Ambassador Masood Khan held a meeting with Mr. Michael McGovern, Chair International Polio Plus Committee, Rotary International



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