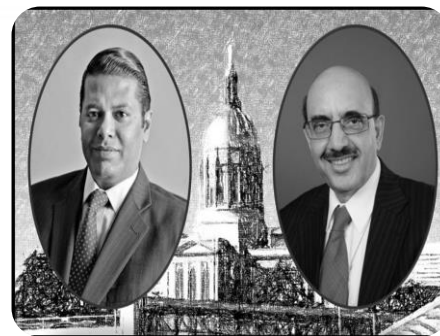




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## CURTAIN RAISER

### Pakistan-US Counter Terrorism Dialogue, 6-7 March 2023

Pakistan and the United States will hold a Counter Terrorism Dialogue on 6-7 March 2023 in Islamabad. Syed Haider Shah, Additional Secretary ( UN&ED) will lead Pakistan delegation and the US delegation will be headed by Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Christopher Landberg.

The dialogue is aimed at discussing common threat of terrorism, cooperation at multilateral fora and countering financing of terrorism.

The two-day dialogue will provide an opportunity for both sides to exchange views and share their experiences and best practices in the domain of counter-terrorism.

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### A Counter Terrorism dialogue between Pakistan and the United States

The Pakistan – US Counter-Terrorism Dialogue took place in Islamabad on March 6-7, 2023. The Pakistan side was led by Syed Haider Shah, Additional Secretary (UN&ED), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the US delegation was headed by Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism, State Department, Christopher Landberg.

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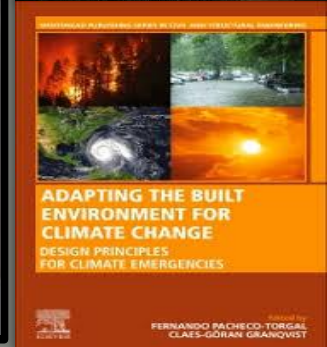


## **Monica Medina, Special Envoy for Biodiversity and Water participated in the U.S.-Pakistan Climate and Environment Working Group**

Special Envoy for Biodiversity and Water Resources Monica Medina travelled to Islamabad and Karachi, Pakistan on March 15-17 to participate in the U.S.-Pakistan Climate and Environment Working Group. She addressed climate and environmental issues of concern including climate smart agriculture, water management, air quality, conservation, and plastic pollution.

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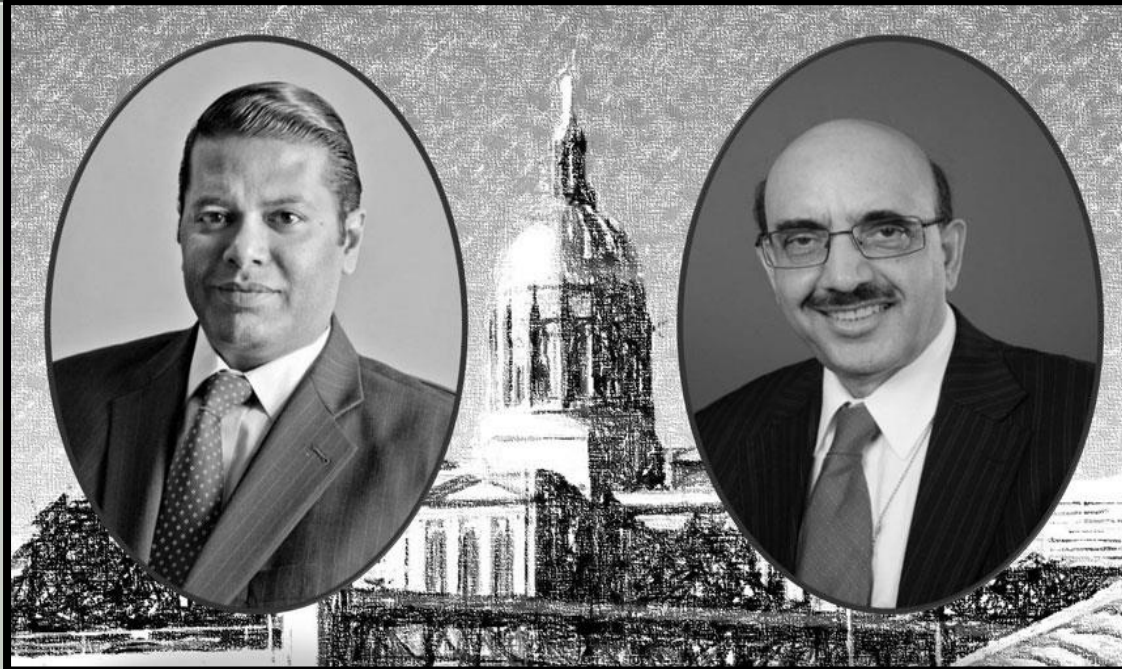


## US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Geoffrey Pyatt lead Energy Security Dialogue in Pakistan

The United States (US) Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Geoffrey Pyatt recently visited Pakistan. He led the US-Pakistan Energy Security Dialogue in Islamabad. This Dialogue was co-chaired by Pakistani Federal Minister for Energy, Khurram Dastgir Khan.

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# PAKISTAN US RELATIONS



*'Sindh & Georgia as twin states' Georgia Assembly passes the resolution*



## Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Mr. Farooq Mughal, the first Pakistani Muslim American elected to the Georgia House of Representatives and President of the Georgia Chapter of the America Pakistan Business Development Forum, was instrumental in getting the US government and Georgia House of Representatives members to support this resolution

This resolution's concept was first proposed by Syed Nasser Wajahat, Co Founder and Secretary General of America Pakistan Business Development Forum with the full backing of the organization's Chairman, Zeeshan Altaf Lohya and President, Sheikh Imtiaz Hussain.

This is a significant accomplishment for the people of both nations and will contribute significantly to the improvement of US-Pakistanintrade ties and business relations as well as bilateral relationship as a whole.

## Georgia State Legislature passes Landmark Resolution for Sindh-Georgia Sister State Relationship

Ambassador Masood Khan felicitates State Representative Farooq Mughal, terms it 'a historic step' to promote multifaceted Sister State ties, project soft power of the two countries. Georgia State Legislature passes Landmark Resolution for Sindh-Georgia Sister State Relationship

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# PAKISTAN-U.S. RELATIONS

## U.S. Government Announces Scholarships for Flood-Affected Students in Pakistan



The U.S. government announced 500 new scholarships to Pakistani university students from flood-affected districts to assist them in completing their degrees. U.S. Ambassador Donald Blome announced the scholarships at an event celebrating the achievements of female scholars in honor of International Women's Day at the Higher Education Commission in Islamabad. [Read More](#)

# AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN



Pakistan Ambassador to the US Sardar Masood Khan calls on President Arif Alvi.

Pakistan Ambassador to the US Sardar Masood Khan calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



## FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE PAKISTAN DAY



A flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Embassy of Pakistan Washington D.C. to mark 83<sup>rd</sup> 'Pakistan Resolution Day'.

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# PAKISTAN DAY



## Message of Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Prime Minister of Pakistan

(on the occasion of Pakistan Day 23rd March 2023)

The 23rd of March is an epoch-making day in our national history that reminds us of our past, invites us to ponder over our present state of affairs and inspires us to build a prosperous future.

This day is also the day to renew our pledge. It takes us back to 1940 when Muslims of the sub-continent approved a resolution for the establishment of a separate homeland they could call their own under the dynamic leadership of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Allama Muhammad Iqbal's dream of freedom manifested itself in the form of a resolution representing Muslims' demands, and aspirations for a separate homeland. The consequential seven years witnessed history in the making as the Quaid-i-Azam led a relentless struggle to translate the dream of Iqbal into reality. The establishment of Pakistan is certainly a miracle of the 20th century.

The last seventy five years of our journey have seen us fight many crises from wars to natural disasters. There have been many occasions when we overcame the odds and achieved many milestones. As a member of the international community,



## Message of Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Prime Minister of Pakistan

(on the occasion of Pakistan Day 23rd March 2023)

Pakistan has played the role of a responsible nation in the resolution of problems facing humanity and the establishment of global peace.

As we celebrate Pakistan Day today and pay tribute to the sacrifices of our founding-fathers, we should not lose sight of the challenges staring us in the face.

The challenges are topped by a combination of economic instability and the inability to settle the rules of the game. An environment of political chaos explains why we have failed to develop our economy on a sustainable basis.

Pakistan came into being as a result of political and constitutional struggle and its future lies in adhering to the constitution in its letter and spirit.

I have no doubt that Pakistan is destined to achieve great heights. However, for this to become a reality, we have to forge unity in our ranks, equip ourselves with national purpose and vow to wage a struggle in line with the legacy of our forefathers.



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

# PAKISTAN DAY



**Message from Dr. Arif Alvi**

**President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
(on the occasion of Pakistan Day 23rd March 2023)**

I felicitate the entire Pakistani nation on the occasion of Pakistan Day. It was on this day in 1940 that Muslims of the sub-continent passed the Pakistan Resolution and made the demand for a separate homeland where they could freely lead their lives in accordance with Islamic ideals. Today, we pay tribute to the founding fathers of our nation whose struggles and sacrifices led to the creation of Pakistan.

The persecution of minorities, especially the Muslims in India; the rising wave of Hindutva and violence against Muslims; violation of human rights, and brutalities being committed by the Indian Security Forces in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) prove that the Muslim leadership of that time made a prudent decision.

This day also serves as a reminder to take stock of our successes and failures as a nation. At the time of independence, we were faced with many challenges like the settlement and rehabilitation of refugees, constitutional and administrative problems of the nascent



**Message from Dr. Arif Alvi**

**President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
(on the occasion of Pakistan Day 23rd March 2023)**

state, security threats, laying solid social, economic and industrial foundations, and the conflict in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite these challenges, we made tremendous achievements in every field through our continuous hard work and ability.

We established state institutions, made our defence impregnable, achieved nuclear deterrence, curbed terrorism, overcame the COVID-19 pandemic, and displayed the spirit of sacrifice and cooperation in the face of natural calamities. We still have a long way to go to ensure the rule of law, strengthen democracy, reduce inequalities in our society, empower women, provide the rights of persons with disabilities, eradicate terrorism and extremism, ensure the political and economic stability of the country, and protect the human rights of our citizens.

Considering our achievements in the past, I strongly believe that we have the ability to overcome the challenges faced by Pakistan today. If we continue to work with unity, faith and discipline, we would be able to make Pakistan a strong and prosperous country. May Allah be with us all. Ameen!



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



## **Pakistan's journey is for peace, security and prosperity: Ambassador Masood Khan**

Addressing a large gathering comprising dignitaries, ambassadors, diplomats, US government officials, foreign media representatives and Pakistani-American leaders, on the occasion of celebration of Pakistan Day at Embassy of Pakistan Washington DC, Ambassador Masood Khan paid a glowing tribute to the forefathers and Founder of the Nation for a 'miraculous' struggle in transforming vision of a separate homeland into reality.

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# PAKISTAN DAY



## Landmark Resolution introduced in US House of Representatives to designate 23 March 2023 as “Pakistan Day”

For the first time in the history of Pak-US relations, a landmark resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Jamaal Bowman recognizing 23 March 2023 as “Pakistan Day” to “honor and celebrate the important role played by the Pakistani-American community in strengthening and inspiring the people of the United States.”

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## **Texas Legislature adopts two landmark resolutions recognizing ‘Pakistan Day’ and ‘Pakistan Day of Action at the State Capitol’**

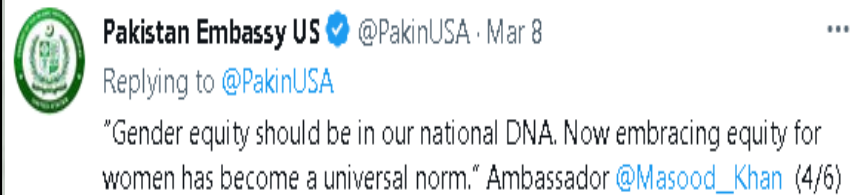
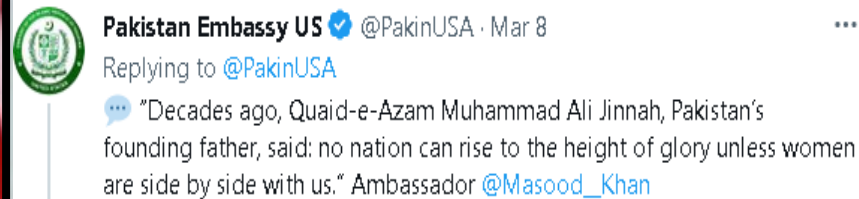
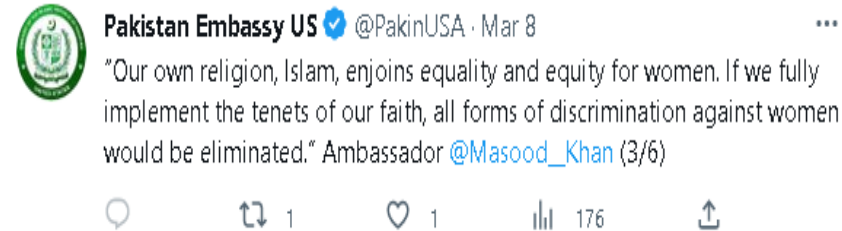
Ambassador Masood Khan congratulates Representative Suleman Lalani and Representative Salman Bhojani for introducing historic resolutions and projecting soft image of the country in reflection of enduring strength of Pak-US bilateral relations and appreciating huge contributions being made by Pakistani diaspora, Texas House of Representatives has adopted two landmark resolutions recognizing 23rd March 2023 as ‘Pakistan Day’ and 20th March 2023 as ‘Pakistan Day of Action at the State Capitol’.

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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Message by Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States [@Masood\\_Khan](#) on the occasion of International Women's Day 2023 [Read More](#)



# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



## Ambassador Masood Khan addresses United States Institute of Peace on Pak-US relations

Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, addressed a select group of US think-tank community, academia and government officials at United States Institute of Peace (USIP), one of the most prestigious think-tanks of the United States.

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# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Ambassador Masood Khan met Mr. Majyd Aziz, President of UN Global Compact Network Pakistan


Ambassador Masood Khan met Christopher Stephens, Senior Vice President & General Counsel of The World Bank





# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



**Masood Khan**  @Masood... · 13 Mar :  
Had an excellent meeting with US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Rashad Hussain @IRF\_Ambassador to discuss religious freedom and interfaith harmony. Apprised him of the steps taken by Pakistan 🇵🇰 to protect minorities' rights.

Pakistani-American psychiatrist makes her way to US top faith leaders  
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will recognize Dr. Farha Abbasi, a renowned psychiatrist and active member of Pakistani-American community in Michigan, as one of the nation's top women faith leaders.

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Ambassador Masood Khan meets  
Ambassador of Maldives H.E Abdul  
Ghafoor Mohamed.

Mr. Adil Nizami, Anchor of Hum TV  
paid a courtesy call on H.E Ambassador  
Masood Khan and held a discussion  
over a range of issues involving  
Pakistan and the United States  
bilateral relations.



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## World Bank committed to Pakistan's long-term development

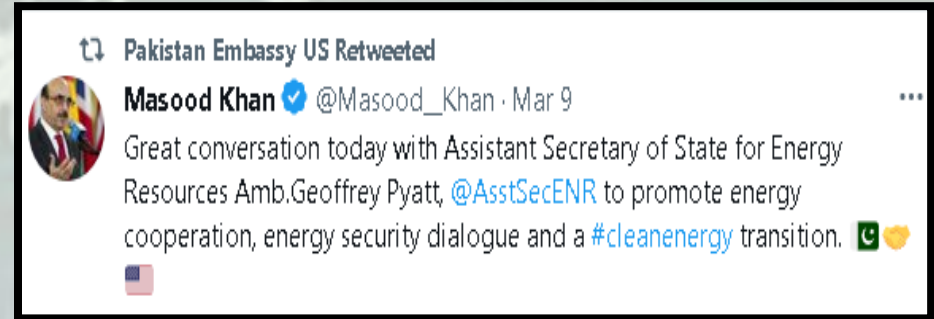
Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Masood Khan met World Bank's Vice President for the South Asia Region Mr. Martin Raiser to advance cooperation between Pakistan and the World Bank in the development and climate response sectors.

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Courtesy call of Ambassador Masood Khan to Haya Sehgal, renowned Journalist/ Writer



# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



## Rotary International acknowledges Pakistan's success against Polio No let-up in the battle against Polio: Masood Khan

International PolioPlus Committee of Rotary International, acknowledged Pakistan's success against Polio saying that no new case has surfaced in the country in past five months..

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# PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

The Annual Bridges of the World International Film Festival & @PakinUSA are excited to organize a special screening of Pakistani film - "Parwaaz Hai Junoon."



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