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# EMBASSY NEWSLETTER

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# PAKISTAN US RELATIONS

## AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO CALIFORNIA

**A sister-province agreement has been signed between California and Punjab.**



California and Punjab, both in the United States, signed a sister-province agreement to promote trade, education, and cultural exchanges.

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Ambassador Masood Khan during his visit to the Microsoft Headquarters discussed the ongoing cooperation b/w Microsoft and Pakistan [Read More](#)

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A high-level reception hosted by the leadership of Californian State Assembly in the honor of visiting delegation from Pakistan headed by Senator Yousuf Raza Gillani at the Governor's mansion.

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# PAKISTAN US RELATIONS AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO OLYMPIA



Ambassador Masood Khan during a conversation on January 12, 2023 at World Affairs Council, Seattle.

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Lt Gov. Washington State Danny Heck received Amb Masood Khan at the State Capitol Building Olympia during his visit to the capital of Washington state. He was joined by First Lady Trudi Inslee, Sen. Claire Wilson and Secretary Health of Washington State Dr. Umair Shah.

# PAKISTAN US RELATIONS



**BilawalBhuttoZardari** ✓

@BBhuttoZardari

Pleased to meet @USAID Deputy Administrator @ColemanUSAID on the sidelines of Geneva Conf. on #ResilientPakistan. Exchanged views on ongoing cooperation & expressed gratitude for 🇺🇸's continued support for 🇵🇰's rescue-and-relief efforts & plan for rehabilitation & reconstruction



# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA

THE HILL

PM @CMShehbaz "Today's meeting is an attempt to give my people another chance at getting back on their feet, we are racing against time"

@thehill #ResilientPakistan @epwing\_official @PkPublicDiplo



Bloomberg

"I am asking for your support for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, for those who are sitting in the darkness, enduring the harshness of winter." @business @epwing\_official #ResilientPakistan



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Pakistan Seeks \$8 Billion to Rebuild After Devastating Floods

Pakistan has appealed to the global community for \$8 billion in three years to help it rebuild after devastating floods that left a third of the ...



# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA



Ambassador Masood Khan in an interview with PBS urged the US, UN and International Community to contribute generously to Post Flood Reconstruction in Pakistan

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# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA

## PAKISTANI WOMEN CONTINUES TO EXCEL



### Sherry Rehman

At the 2022 UN Climate Change Conference (COP27), Rehman made global news, suggesting a new channel money from rich countries to poor ones that have suffered climate-related disasters. A former journalist, information minister and ambassador to the U.S., Rehman was the first female to hold office as Leader of Opposition in the Senate in 2018. She was appointed Pakistan's Minister of Climate Change in April 2022. Rehman has received various awards including Pakistan's highest civil award, the Nishan-e-Millat. She co-authored *Five Hundred Years Kashmiri Shawl*, published in 2006, and was the recipient of the R. L. Shep Textiles Book Award from the Textile Society of America. In 2022, Rehman was named one of the Most Influential Women in 2022.

### Forbes Sherry Rehman

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### Ayesha Malik

In 2022, at age 56, Malik became the first woman to serve as a justice of Pakistan's Supreme Court, in the country's 75-year history. Malik previously served for a decade as a judge on the Lahore High Court, ruling on the enforcement of international arbitration in Pakistan and sat on the Green Bench, advocating environmental justice. In 2021, Malik issued a seminal judgement outlawing the use of virginity tests in rape cases. She also served on the board of the Punjab Judicial Academy and as chair of the Judicial Officers Female

Supreme Court Justice **Ayesha Malik** and Minister for Climate Change **Sherry Rehman** listed among 50 women over age 50 from Asia-Pacific "who are reaching new heights in their industries and inspiring the region's next generation".

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# PAKISTAN IN US MEDIA



Ambassador gave briefing to the Editorial Board of Wall Street Journal

# KASHMIR DAY

## RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION DAY

### Message from H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the occasion of Right to Self Determination Day



Today, Kashmiris around the world are observing the 74th anniversary of the Resolution adopted by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP), providing that the Jammu and Kashmir dispute would be decided through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite under the UN auspices. In essence, it was a reaffirmation of the inalienable right of Kashmiris to self-determination which is enshrined in international law and upheld by international human rights instruments.

Regrettably, the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) have not been able to exercise this right. India continues to oppress the Kashmiris to break their will with massive human rights abuses. Since 5 August 2019, it is engaged in a vicious exercise of altering the demographic structure of IIOJK to turn Kashmiris into a minority in their own land.

The UN General Assembly annually adopts a resolution on "Universal Realization of the Right of the People to Self-Determination" that draws international attention towards the plight and rights of people living under situations of forced occupation.

The international community, especially the United Nations, bears the responsibility to ensure the fulfillment of this promise and support the people of IIOJK in exercising their inalienable right to self-determination.

For its part, Pakistan will continue to extend its full political, diplomatic and moral support to the valiant Kashmiri people in their just struggle for dignity and rights including their inalienable right to self-determination, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

(Islamabad, 5th January 2023)

### Message from Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, on the Occasion of Right to Self-Determination Day



The fifth of January is annually observed as the Right to Self-Determination Day for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. On this day in 1949, the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) adopted a resolution that guarantees a free and fair plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir, to enable the Kashmiri people to realize their right to self-determination.

The right to self-determination is a cardinal principle of international law and upheld by international human rights organizations. Every year, the UN General Assembly adopts a resolution that denotes the legal right of people to decide their own destiny. It expresses unequivocal support for the realization of the right to self-determination for peoples under foreign occupation. Regrettably, the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) have not been able to exercise this right.

Not only has the Indian Government denied the inalienable right of self-determination to the Kashmiris, it has created an environment of fear in IIOJK, which has been exacerbated with India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019. The people of IIOJK are being subjected to systematic and widespread human rights abuses.

Today's commemoration is aimed at reminding the global community of its responsibility towards the oppressed Kashmiri people. The United Nations must honor the commitments it had made 74 years ago and support the Kashmiris' struggle for self-determination.

Pakistan will continue to extend its unstinted moral, political and diplomatic support to the right of self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

Islamabad 05 January 2023

# 5TH JANUARY 2023

# KASHMIR DAY

## RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION DAY

**Message from the Foreign  
Minister of the Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan, Bilawal  
Bhutto Zardari Occasion of  
Right to Self-Determination  
Day**



“On 5th of January every year, we renew our support for the right of self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

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**Masood Khan**  @Masood\_Khan · Jan 19

Pleasure meeting Ambassador Stuart Holliday @AMBSHolliday at Meridian International Center @MeridianIntl .To scale up Pak-US ties, discussed ways to promote cooperation in education, leadership training programs, businesses and people-to-people exchanges.



Ambassador Masood Khan met with Ambassador Stuart Holliday, CEO of Meridian International Center and former US ambassador

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# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Ambassador interaction with the delegation of University of Baltistan, headed by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Khan

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# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Reception hosted committee for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. International Salute Breakfast Celebration



# ADVOCACY & OUTREACH



Ambassador Masood Khan at 31st International Salute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ambassador Masood Khan honored with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award for diplomacy, international service

# EMBASSY OUTREACH



A group of 51 students of Global UGRAD representing various Pakistani universities and geographical regions visited the Embassy

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Mayor Farrah Khan called on  
Ambassador Masood Khan



Dinner in honor of Ms. Shamila  
Chaudhary at Pakistan House

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Meeting with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and Congressman Lu Correa alongwith Dr. Imran Sharif



Ambassador interacts with Board members of PAKPAC



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