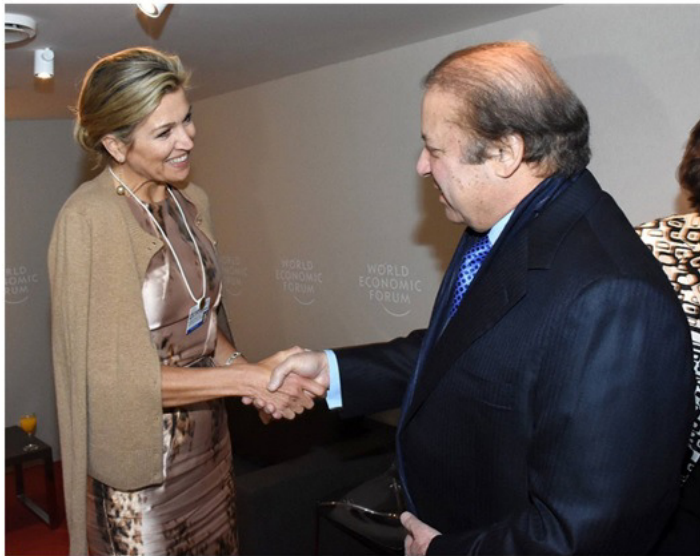




The Hague, Netherlands



January 19, 2017

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif met with Her Majesty Queen Maxima

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif met with Her Majesty Queen Maxima of Netherlands on the side-lines of 47th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The two dignitaries shared views on bilateral relations and economic cooperation between the two countries. Both the leaders discussed matters pertaining to the region as well.

January 23, 2017

Meeting with Head of the Committee on Foreign Trade & Development

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi met Mr. Raymond de Roon, Head of the Committee on Foreign Trade & Development at the Parliament to discuss promotion of bilateral trade between Pakistan and The Netherlands. The Ambassador briefed Mr. Raymond on her efforts to promote bilateral trade between Pakistan and the Netherlands and proposed venues for future cooperation.

January 9, 2017

Former Dutch Defence Minister Dr. Willem van Eekelen called on the Ambassador

Dr. Willem van Eekelen, Former Dutch Defence Minister, called on Ambassador Iffat Imran Gardezi at the Embassy. The Ambassador discussed ways to bolster efforts for revival of bilateral Defence relations during the meeting.



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January 22, 2017

Inter Faith Harmony event organized in The Hague

The Embassy organized an Inter Faith Harmony event on 22 January 2017 in The Hague. People belonging to different faiths participated in the event. Besides others, Ahmed Uzumcu, Director General OPCW, Mr. Ahmed Marcouch, Member of Dutch Federal Parliament, Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Papal Representatives, diplomats of the various countries and senior officials of Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in the event. On this occasion, Speakers stressed the need to promote interfaith harmony in the world by promoting common human values and understanding and respect for different religions. All dignitaries appreciated the efforts of the Embassy in leading the way to organize such events.



January 27, 2017

Visit of the Chairman, Board of Governors Overseas Pakistanis Foundation

Barrister Amjad Malik Chairman of Board of Governors Overseas Pakistanis Foundation visited the Embassy of Pakistan The Hague on 27th January 2017. During his visit, he met the Pakistani community members based in The Netherlands and briefed them about the working of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation. He briefed on various steps taken by that Government of Pakistan for the welfare of overseas Pakistanis.



January 27, 2017

Meeting with Head of Defense Committee of the Dutch Parliament

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi met Mr. Han ten Broeke, Head of Defense Committee of the Dutch Parliament. Issues of mutual interest were discussed in the meeting. Mr. Broeke is a passionate hockey player and also regularly participates in Pakistan's Ambassador Hockey Cup which is annually organised by Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague .



January 30, 2017

Dinner at Pakistan House for Young diplomats of Pakistan and Bangladesh attending Clingendael Course

Ambassador hosted a dinner at Pakistan House for Young diplomats of Pakistan and Bangladesh who were attending a 6 week diplomatic training course at Clingendael Institute. The course has continued since 2003 and provides valuable international training to our young diplomats.



01 February, 2017

Call on the Prime Minister by CEO Friesland Campina

Mr. Roelof A. Joosten, CEO, Royal Friesland Campina (Netherlands) called on Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif at PM House on 1st February 2017.

Welcoming the visiting delegation, Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif said that Pakistan's strategic location makes it a market full of opportunities having the potential to become Asia's premier trade, energy and transport corridor. The Prime Minister added that 50% of the total population of the country is under the age of 30 with talented labour force from unskilled to highly skilled professionals.





February 8, 2017

Condemnation of Massive Human Rights Violations by the Indian Security Forces in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir

Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague in collaboration with the Kashmir Peace Council, The Netherlands organized an event to create an awareness about the massive human rights violations being committed in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

The event was attended by various members of European Parliament, diplomats based in The Hague and people from all spheres of life.

On this occasion, Sardar Masood Khan, President of the Azad Jammu & Kashmir, in briefed the audience about the history of the Kashmir Dispute. He said that Indian Government, despite its massive deployment of troops in the Kashmir valley, has been unable to suppress the voice of freedom among the Kashmiris. He called upon the international community and the United Nations to play their role regarding holding of Plebiscite in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi on this occasion said that Government of Pakistan would continue to extend all diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiri people.



February 22, 2017

Meeting with Secretary General of Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi met Mr. Maarten Camps, Secretary General of Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. During the meeting, Mr. Camps expressed satisfaction at the increased economic and trade relations between the two countries. It was also agreed that Friesland Campina's entry into Pakistan's market would give further boost to bilateral economic relations.



March 7, 2017

Ambassador addressed the OPCW Executive Council

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi addressed the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' Executive Council during its session on from 7 to 9 March 2017.

The Ambassador expressed Pakistan's full support for the OPCW Director General's initiative to start a Junior Professional Programme. She said that in order to advance the goals of the Convention, Pakistan continually supports activities that make a practical contribution to the work of the Organisation. This includes hosting cooperative programmes, including, basic and advanced regional and international assistance and protection courses. She also informed that this year, Pakistan intends to hold the Seventh Advanced Course on Assistance and Protection. Also, Pakistan as Facilitator of Article XI, has worked for creating consensus on Provisions of this article on Promotion of International Cooperation.

Pakistan has been actively participating in the Executive Council of the OPCW as a member ever since the inception of the organization in 1997.

March 17, 2017

Ambassador attended 25th Anniversary of Punjab Cricket Club, Rotterdam.

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi attended the 25 year celebration of Punjab Cricket Club, Rotterdam. The evening was also graced by the President of the Dutch Cricket Board.



February 26 to March 01, 2017

Visit of Pakistani Gloves Trade Delegation to the Netherlands.

The Commercial Wing in collaboration with TDAP and Pakistan Gloves Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PGMEA) arranged a trade delegation to visit Netherlands from 26th February to 1st March 2017. The delegation comprised of seven companies from Sialkot specializing in manufacturing and export of gloves including safety, leather, sports and industrial gloves. Mr. Muhammad Younis former chairman of the association and CEO of Channel Industries was leading the delegation. It was the first ever visit of any trade delegation of glove manufacturers to the Netherlands.

During their stay the delegation visited Netherlands Senior Experts organization (PUM), Centre for the promotion of Imports from developing Countries (CBI), Trade Association Modint, M/s Avanti, M/s Matsuru & Armaleder. Moreover, a Seminar was arranged with Dutch Companies for Business Networking and a reception was also held in the honour of the delegation at the Ambassador's Residence.





March 23, 2017

National Day of Pakistan celebrated with traditional enthusiasm

National Day of Pakistan, was celebrated with traditional enthusiasm in The Hague. Ambassador Iffat Gardezi, hoisted the National Flag at Pakistan House in the morning. Members of the Pakistani community living in the Netherlands attended the Flag Hoisting ceremony. She conveyed the messages of the President and the Prime Minister to the participants.



In the evening a diplomatic Reception was held at the Hilton Hotel in The Hague. Ambassadors from over 50 countries, senior officials from Dutch Government, Members of Parliament and people from all spheres of life attended the reception. The Ambassador presented awards to organizations working for national causes in the Netherlands.



March 26, 2017

Pakistan Day function organized by Daily DASTAK International Organization

Ambassador Iffat Gardezi presided over a function organized by Daily DASTAK International Organization in Rotterdam to celebrate Pakistan's National Day. She said that Pakistanis living in the Netherlands should play an active role in all spheres of public life in the Netherlands.



March 28-29, 2017

Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Commerce and Mr. Sikandar Hayat Bosan, Minister for National Food Security, visited the Netherlands

Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Commerce and Mr. Sikandar Bosan, Minister for National Food Security visited the Netherlands from 28 to 29 March 2017.

During the visit the honourable Ministers visited the Head Office of Friesland Campina, one of the leading Dairy companies of the world. The Company management briefed them about company's plans for Pakistan.

Mr. Sikandar Bosan, also visited a dairy farm in the Netherlands, which works in close collaboration with Friesland Campina. He also met the Dutch Minister of Agriculture Mr. Martijn Van Dam. During the meeting, it was agreed to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the field of agriculture.

Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, held a meeting with the Pakistani Community in the Netherlands and briefed them regarding various efforts of the government to boost foreign investment in Pakistan. He also listened to the issues being faced by the Pakistani community and promised to resolve them through the respective departments.

Ambassador Iffat Imran Gardezi hosted a dinner for Minister Khurram Dastgir Khan and Minister Sikandar Bosan at the Pakistan House in The Hague. Senior officials of the Dutch Government and Senior Executives of various multinationals also attended the dinner.



13 April, 2017

Ambassador attended PMV Families' Event

PMV, a Pakistani community organization in the Netherlands, arranged an entertainment night in collaboration with Embassy of Pakistan The Hague. Mr. Shafaat Ali, renowned Pakistani artist entertained the crowd with his performance.

30 March, 2017

2nd Meeting of Ned-Pak Business Facilitation Forum - Doing Business in Pakistan

Commercial Wing of the Embassy organized the 2nd meeting of Ned-Pak Business Facilitation Forum in the Pakistan House. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the business community of the economic potentials of Pakistan and capitalize on the business potential of the Netherlands by establishing strong economic ties between the business communities of two countries.



21 April, 2017

Meeting with Mr Wim De Camp, Member European Parliament.

On 21-04-2017, Ambassador held a meeting with Mr Wim De Camp, Member of the European Parliament from the Netherlands. Mr Camp is a member of Intrade Committee since 2014. The Ambassador briefed the MEP regarding the government of Pakistan's efforts to eliminate terrorism and improvement of Human and Minorities rights in Pakistan. She thanked the MEP for his positive role in reviewing GSP+ status for Pakistan and requested for his continued support.



18 April, 2017

Meeting with Director General Political Affairs

The Ambassador met with Mr. Andre Haspels, Director General Political of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to present the candidature of Dr. Sania Nishtar for the post of Director General WHO and request for support of the Dutch government, apart from discussing other issues of interest.



20 April, 2017

Meeting with Ms. Marietje Schaake, Member European Parliament.

Ambassador Iffat Imran Gardezi met with Ms. Marietje Schaake, Member European Parliament. Ms Schaake has been serving as Member of the European Parliament since 2009 and is also a member of International Trade Committee (INTA). She also serves on the committee of Foreign Affairs and the subcommittee on Human Rights. The Ambassador informed Ms Schaake about the efforts of the Pakistan's government to fight the menace of terrorism in the country. She also informed Ms Schaake that the government has introduced various laws to protect women including the Protection of Women against violence Bill. Ambassador also briefed the MEP regarding establishment of a Treaty Implementation Cell in the Prime Minister's Office to ensure operationalization of the GSP plus related 27 core conventions. She requested the MEP for her continued support in the upcoming review of GSP+ status for Pakistan.

