

Ambassador delivers Pakistan's Statement on 30th Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities

H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore delivered Pakistan's country statement at the 30th meeting of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities.



Ambassador's Engagement at University of Leiden

H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore spoke at a Public Round Table Talk organized by New Silk Road Group at the University of Leiden on 20th December 2018. The Ambassador highlighted immense opportunities that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor presents to the entire world.



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Meeting With Ms Pia Dijkstra

On 6 September 2018, Ambassador Shujat Ali Rathore met with Ms Pia Dijkstra, Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Dutch House of Representatives and discussed matters of mutual interest to both the countries.



Annual Embassy Festival 2018

Pakistan Embassy in the Hague took part in the annual Embassy Festival at Lange Voorhout The Hague, on 1st September 2018. All the visitors to the Pakistani stall enjoyed the delicious food made with authentic Pakistani spices. Meanwhile the children got their hands painted with traditional Pakistani Hina, with beautiful patterns by Mrs. Sofia Aizaz. A total of 92 Embassies participated in the annual Festival.



Christmas Reception at Pakistan House

On 19 December 2018, to celebrate Christmas, Ambassador H.E Shujat Ali Rathore held a dinner reception at Pakistan House. Pakistani Christian community and others attended the event. Ambassador Rathore appreciated the role that Christians were playing in different spheres of life. He particularly mentioned the names of Justice A.R Cornelius, the 4th Chief Justice of Pakistan, who was a symbol of justice recognized with the award of Hilal-e-Pakistan. He also recalled Cecil Chaudhry the idol of many generations, a brave fighter pilot in the 1965 war, who was awarded the Sitara-e-Jurat (Star of Courage) in recognition of his services and valour.



The Ambassador stated that Jesus Christ was sent to this world as a symbol of peace, brotherhood and respect for the entire humanity. He not only healed the ailing humanity but preached the divine values of tolerance, love and compassion. The Ambassador added that Christmas is a time for celebration and rejoicing for Christians all over the world. It is also time to reflect on the messages and teachings of Jesus Christ; the message of love, peace, tolerance and compassion for humanity. He asked the Christian community in Netherlands to play their due role in national development, progress and prosperity. This was followed by a prayer for peace and prosperity, led by Reverend Father Eric. Choir of Urdu Church also sung hymns on the occasion.



Seminar on Human Rights Violations in IHK

On 29th October 2018, a Seminar was conducted at the Pakistan House to mark the illegal occupation of Jammu & Kashmir by India on 27 October 1947, seventy-one years ago. Former Prime Minister Azad Jammu & Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry was the key-note speaker on the occasion. He stressed on the need to expose Indian atrocities in front of the Dutch Parlia-

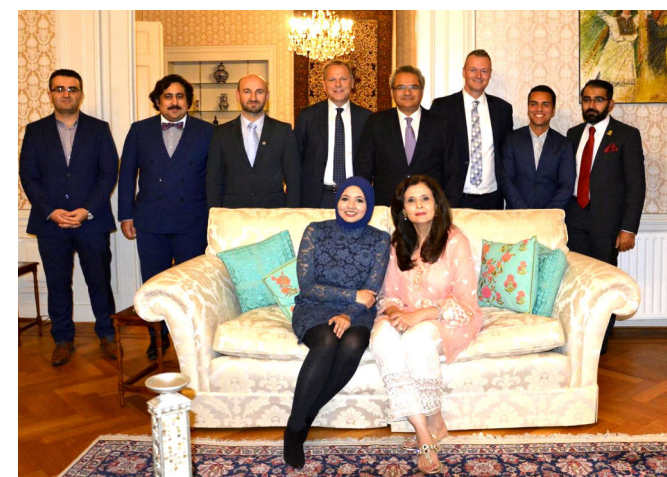


Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore also expressed his views on the occasion, especially highlighting the recent spate of human rights violations in Indian-Held Kashmir. Mr. Khalid Ahmed Chaudry of International Human Rights Commission stated that by remaining silent the international community was giving a carte blanche to the Indian occupying forces and demanded that the Dutch government should take special cognizance of the human rights violations in Indian Held Kashmir and raise it with the Indian government. People from all walks of life, especially Dutch think-tanks, intelligentsia, opinion-makers and professionals attended the Seminar. Dinner was served at the end of the Seminar, where all participants had informal discussion on the significance of 27th October Black-Day.



Dinner held for Pakistan Exporter's Association

The Ambassador of Pakistan to the Netherlands H.E Shujjat Ali Rathore hosted a dinner reception for the delegation of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association. The reception was attended by Dutch companies and members of HOGIAF (the largest cross-cultural and multi-sectoral association



for entrepreneurs in the Netherlands). This provided an excellent platform to Pakistani & Dutch companies to establish business ties and discuss areas of collaboration benefiting bilateral trade. The guests deeply appreciated the hospitality of their Pakistani hosts.



Ambassador delivers statement at 4th Review Conference of the OPCW



H.E. Shujjat Ali Rathore delivered Pakistan's National statement at 4th Review Conference of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, held on 29-30 November 2018.

Meeting with Mr. Joël Voordewind

H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore called upon Mr. Joël Voordewind, leader of the ChristenUnie Party in the Dutch Parliament and discussed with him matters related to Human Rights violation in the Indian held Kashmir, especially the use of Pellet Guns by Indian Security Forces.



Participation of Pakistani companies in the National Sports Exhibition held in Gorinchem

The Commercial Wing of Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague arranged participation of 4 Pakistani companies in the National Sports Exhibition held in Gorinchem, Netherlands. Visitors appreciated the excellent quality of Pakistani sports products and our companies generated excellent trade leads during the event. The Ambassador of Pakistan to the Netherlands, H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore also visited the exhibition and encouraged our exporters to explore more business opportunities in the Netherlands.



Ambassador's speech at the 89th Session of the Executive Council of OPCW

On 9th October 2018, H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore delivered a statement on behalf of Pakistan at the 89th Session of the Executive Council of OPCW and articulated Pakistan's point of view on various issues with regards to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Ambassador also laid emphasis on the need of consensus in the Organization, while undertaking key decisions, impacting the security of the entire world.

Pakistan Exporters Association's visit to Maastricht

A seven member delegation of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association participated in World Fashion Convention held at Maastricht, Netherlands. More than 270 participants from across the world attended this high profile event, including representatives of Mango, Saxion, Motif, Puma, Triumph, C&A, and Just Style.



Ambassador of Pakistan to the Netherlands, H.E. Shujjat Ali Rathore along with Commercial Counsellor, Syed Mahmood Hassan also attended the event and encouraged our exporters to adapt to the requirements of fast developing fashion industry of the World. In 2019, for the first time in the history of Pakistan, International Apparel Federation will be holding its convention at Lahore. This will bring all the industry professionals to Pakistan and will support in promoting our exports.