

Pakistan's financial contribution towards the OPCW.

On 6 March 2020, Pakistan's financial contribution towards the OPCW's ChemTech Centre was formalized during a simple and dignified ceremony at the Headquarters of OPCW. Director-General, H.E. Mr Fernando Arias, appreciated Pakistan's contribution towards the ChemTech Centre and stated that Pakistan is an important country and the OPCW looked forward towards continued cooperation with Pakistan. On this occasion, Mr Aizaz Khan stated: "Pakistan has always been and remains a strong supporter of the Convention. Our contribution to the Chem Tech Centre project demonstrates our support for research and development in cutting-edge technologies to make the world a safer place. Mr Aizaz Khan, Charge d' affaires (a.i) and DG (OPCW) then signed the agreement.



93rd Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW.

The 93rd Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW was held in the Hague from 10-13 March 2020. Charge d'Affaires (a.i) & Deputy Permanent Representative to OPCW, Mr. Aizaz Khan represented Pakistan during the session. In his statement in the plenary session, Mr. Khan stated that consensus should be the key in order to meet the objectives of the Chemical Weapons Convention~



Stranded Pakistanis from Schiphol International Airport Amsterdam

On 6th May 2020, a special relief PIA flight, took off from Schiphol International Airport Amsterdam, carrying 35 stranded Pakistanis in Netherlands, 16 in Belgium, 1 in Switzerland, 2 in Hungary and 2 from Germany. Pakistan's Ambassador to the Netherlands H.E. Mr. Shujjat Ali Rathore, along with his team was also present to see off the stranded Pakistanis from Schiphol airport. He advised the passengers to be patient during the repatriation process and cooperate with the authorities in Islamabad, with regards to the Quarantine requirements. Furthermore, he stated that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan attaches great importance to the repatriation of all stranded Pakistanis in different parts of the world and he continues to personally supervise efforts to bring all such



Pakistanis back home. The stranded Pakistanis appreciated the role of the Government of Pakistan in facilitating their repatriation process to Pakistan.



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Seminar conducted to commemorate the day UN Security Council passed a resolution, supporting the Kashmiris' rights.

On 5th January 2020, a seminar was conducted at The Hague Islamic Center to commemorate the day, UN Security Council passed a resolution supporting the Kashmiris' rights to decide their future by themselves through a UN-sponsored plebiscite, seventy years ago. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore stated that Pakistan will continue giving its strong and steadfast moral, political and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people till the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination.



Kashmir Solidarity Day.

On 5th February 2020, a seminar was held at Pakistan House to commemorate the Kashmir Solidarity Day. Dutch Advocate Hans Gaasbeek a prominent human rights activist from Netherlands was the key-note speaker of the event; while Professor Dr. Aslam Syed especially came from Bonn-Germany to share his thoughts on the occasion~

