



PRIME MINISTER  
**IMRAN KHAN**

RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM

DUTCH PRIME MINISTER  
**MARK RUTTE**



## PRIME MINISTERS IMRAN KHAN AND MARK RUTTE TALK

On 18 August, Prime Minister Imran Khan received a telephone call from the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. The latest situation in Afghanistan was discussed. Prime Minister Imran Khan stated that Pakistan was closely following the developments and was in touch with regional and international partners. The Prime Minister stressed that a peaceful and stable Afghanistan was critically important for Pakistan and the region. The Prime Minister further underscored that safety and security as well as protection of the rights of all Afghans was critically important. The Prime Minister underlined that an inclusive political settlement was the best way forward. It was equally essential for the world community to stay engaged in order to support the people of Afghanistan, economically and to help rebuild. The Prime Minister highlighted that Pakistan was facilitating evacuation of diplomatic personnel and staff of international organizations and others from Afghanistan, as requested. The Dutch Prime Minister conveyed thanks for Pakistan's support and facilitation for their evacuation endeavors. Both the leaders also agreed to further enhance mutual cooperation between the two countries in various fields.



## DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER SIGRID KAAG CALLS FOREIGN MINISTER SHAH MAHMOOD QURESHI

ON 20 August, Both Foreign Ministers spoke on the situation in Afghanistan and agreed that international cooperation is critical for the prosperity of Afghan people. Ministers also shared importance of inclusive political settlement shared commitment to evacuating diplomats, personnel & others from Afghanistan, including Dutch requests.

As of 31 August 2021



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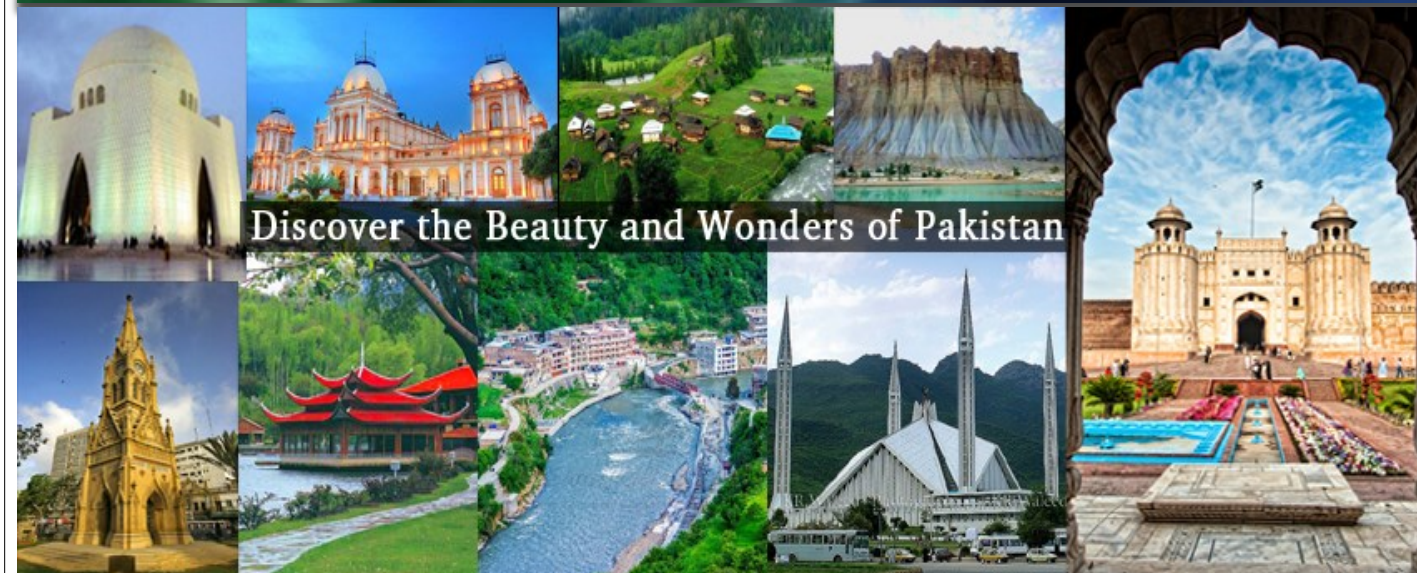
Pakistan has thus far helped evacuate 294 Dutch nationals from Kabul through Islamabad. Pakistan remains committed to extending all possible support to the governments and international organizations engaged in evacuation of their personnel from Afghanistan.



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## WEBINAR HELD ON ENGINEERING SECTOR WITH THE COLLABORATION OF TDAP, EDB, BOI AND PAAPAM

The webinar received a very encouraging response from Pakistan & Netherlands sides. Presentations were given by EDB and PAAPAM. Mr. Aizaz Khan, Charge d' Affaires, appreciating the robust growth of engineering goods exports to the Netherlands at 82% during Jul-May of FY 2020-21, urged Pakistani Manufacturers to exploit the Dutch market potentials. He assured Dutch buyers and Investors of the fullest cooperation by the Mission and highlighted growing Dutch investment in Pakistan. Mission will facilitate B-2-B meetings and virtual expo of engineering sector in future.

WEBINAR

### Trade & Investment Opportunities in Engineering Sector of Pakistan

25 JUNE 2021 15.00 (PST) 12.00 (NL)

ORGANIZED BY  
EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN  
THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
MR. AIZAZ KHAN  
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## FOREIGN MINISTRY HOSTS VIRTUAL MEETING ON "ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY"

On 16 June 2021, Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi held a meeting on Economic Diplomacy. The meeting was attended by Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry. Pakistani Head of Missions to Sweden, Ukraine, UK, Switzerland, The Hague and Serbia Participated in the Virtual Economic Diplomacy Meeting. The ambassadors briefed the Foreign Minister on the efforts made by the embassies to achieve goals of economic diplomacy and the results achieved.



## FAREWELL TEA-OUT FOR OUTGOING AMBASSADOR

H.E. Ambassador Shujjat Ali Rathore was given a farewell tea-out by the officers and staff of the Embassy. The Ambassador in his remarks stated that he would cherish the memories of his stay in the Netherlands. He also thanked the officers and staff for their support during his three years and five months tenure in the Netherlands.



## 14 AUGUST CELEBRATED IN THE HAGUE

Flag hoisting ceremony was held at Pakistan House, the Hague, to mark the 75th independence day of Pakistan. The ceremony was also streamed live on the Embassy's Face book page. A large number of Pakistani community including women and children from different parts of the Netherlands attended the event. The national flag was hoisted by Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar and messages of the President and Prime Minister for the occasion were read by Deputy Head of Mission Aizaz Khan. The Ambassador also addressed the gathering and later planted a tree sapling inside the Pakistan House.





## AMBASSADOR SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR HELD A MEETING OF ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE BUSINESSMEN

On 13 August, The Council members were apprised of sustained growth of Pakistan's exports to the Netherlands and the Dutch FDI inflow to Pakistan. The members discussed various issues requiring attention of authorities in Pakistan and put forth proposals to enhance Pakistan's exports. They also appreciated measures by the Government to tackle the pandemic crises through smart-lockdowns which ensured sustaining a robust growth of exports. The Ambassador assured the members of bringing to attention their views to the concerned authorities.



## DELEGATION OF PAKISTAN BUSINESS FORUM, THE NETHERLANDS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR

On 13 August, The delegation briefed about activities of the Forum. The Forum conveyed its intention to arrange awareness programmes for the Dutch and Pakistani businessmen to explore trade and investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Ambassador while assuring Embassy's support impressed upon the Forum to further explore investment opportunities in Pakistan and to step up efforts to enhance exports from Pakistan. He also appreciated encouraging response of the Pakistani diaspora to the Roshan Digital Account (RDA) initiative and requested the members to join RDA.



## WEBINAR ROSHAN DIGITAL ACCOUNT



H.E. SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR  
AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN (HOST)



MR. RIZWAN UL HAQ  
T&I COUNSELOR (MODERATOR)



### PANELISTS



MR. SYED IRFAN ALI  
MD, DPC, SBP



MR. ZULFIKAR ALI  
HEAD PRI, SBP



MR. ARSHAD BHATTI  
DIRECTOR EPD, SBP

## WEBINAR ON 'ROSHAN DIGITAL ACCOUNT' WITH THE HELP OF STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

On 25 August, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, while welcoming the participants and SBP team, thanked the Pakistani community in the Netherlands for its positive response to the initiative and noted that in the last financial year Pakistanis living in the Netherlands had remitted US \$ 47.8 million. Senior officials of SBP made presentations on different aspects of RDA followed by an interactive session. Representatives of other banks providing RDA were also present. There was a good level of participation from the community in the event which was telecast live through Embassy's Facebook page.

## AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN



On 28 June, Ambassador-designate to Netherlands Suljuk Mustansar Tarar called on Prime Minister Imran Khan in Islamabad.

The Prime Minister congratulated the ambassador-designate on his appointment.

Ambassador-designate Suljuk Mustansar Tarar on the occasion, also presented his recently released book titled "All That Art" to the Prime Minister.

## PRESIDENT DR. ARIF ALVI MET AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE



On 30 June, Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to Netherlands met President Dr. Arif Alvi. He said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its ties with Netherlands and wants to further expand bilateral cooperation in the areas of trade and economy. Pakistan offers tremendous investment opportunities. Investors from Netherlands need to take benefit from the investment friendly environment of Pakistan.

President Alvi He also asked the ambassador to work for encouraging more investments from Dutch companies in the fields of renewable energy, agriculture, wind and horticulture as well as water management. In view of the increasing demand of Pakistani mangoes in the global market, he asked Ambassador-designate to arrange a mango festival in Netherlands to boost mango exports. The President congratulated Mr. Suljuk on his appointment as Ambassador of Pakistan to Netherlands and expressed hope he would utilize his services to further promote Pakistan's relations with Netherlands.

## PAKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE NETHERLANDS SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR MEETS FOREIGN MINISTER MAKHDOOM SHAH MEHMOOD QURESHI AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY



On 23rd June, the Foreign Minister congratulated Ambassador Suljuk Tarar on his nomination as Ambassador to the Netherlands. In the meeting, the Foreign Minister said that he was going to assume his responsibilities as an Ambassador at a time when Pakistan was facing many challenges on the diplomatic front. Your appointment as Ambassador is based on your performance and qualifications. It is hoped that the appointment of a seasoned diplomat like you as Ambassador to the Netherlands will further strengthen the political, economic, trade and bilateral relations between Pakistan and the Netherlands. Pakistan's Ambassador-designate to the Netherlands Suljuk Mustansar Tarar thanked the Foreign Minister

and assured him of making all possible efforts to strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan and the Netherlands. Ambassador-designate Suljuk Mustansar Tarar presented his recently published book "All That Art" to the Foreign Minister.



## AMBASSADOR SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN TO THE KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS.

On 19 July, the Ambassador visited the Consular facilities at the Embassy and advised the staff to be more people friendly while dealing with the visitors. He also met with the officers and staff of the Embassy and stressed on the importance of team work. He said that he looked forward to further strengthening of bilateral relations with the Netherlands in all areas of mutual interest and particularly serving the interest of Pakistani community as per vision of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.



### EID UL AZHA

On 20 July, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar offered Eid prayers at the Hague International Islamic Centre with the Pakistani community. Wishing the community a very Happy Eid ul Azha, the Ambassador stated that the Embassy would continue to work in line with the instructions of the Prime Minister and



the Foreign Minister to further strengthen bilateral relations with the Netherlands and serve the Pakistani community. He encouraged the community to abide by Covid-19 restrictions set by the local authorities ensuring that everyone remains safe. After the prayers, keeping in view Covid restrictions, community members briefly met with the Ambassador welcoming him and appreciating the interaction.

## YOU-M-E-ISTEHSAL

On 05th August 2021, the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the Netherlands organized different engagements. It included a Pictorial Exhibition in the Consular Hall of the Embassy and a discussion webinar on Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJ&K). The Pictorial Exhibition which was open for public from 04 – 06, August 2021 showcased images of ongoing human rights violations and atrocities being committed by India in IIOJ&K. The speakers at the webinar included a noted lawyer, academic and activist.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar stated that the Indian government was bringing about demographic changes in IIOJ&K through dubious means and that the Indian government should be held ac-



countable by the world for all their illegal actions. He reiterated Pakistan's abiding commitment to the Kashmiri people and the Kashmiri cause.



## MONTHLY E-KACHEHRI

On 9th August, in line with the instructions of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister to provide full facilitation to the Pakistani community, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, listened to the suggestions/complaints of the Pakistani community in The Netherlands and assured them of Embassy's full cooperation in resolution of their problems and bringing any relevant problems to the attention of the concerned authorities in Pakistan.

