

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Prof. Inge Hutter Rector of International Institute of Social Studies Netherlands.

The prospects of cooperation in the field of education and development research between ISS and Pakistani universities were

OPCW Conference of States Parties

4 December 2021

26th session of OPCW Conference of States Parties CSP26 was held in The Hague. Pakistan delegation led by PR to OPCW Ambassador Tarar, actively participated in the CSP26. Pakistan was re-elected to the Executive Council of the OPCW for the term 2022-24.

29 November 2021



discussed.

19 December 2021

Christmas celebrations

The Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague held an event to mark Christmas celebrations. Due to Covid restrictions,

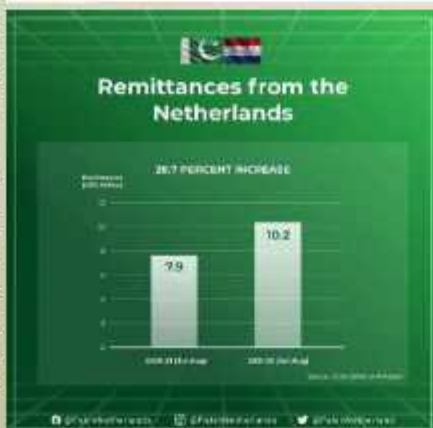


the participation was limited and the event followed SOPs.

The event was mostly attended by the Pakistani origin Christian community living in the Netherlands. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar conveyed felicitations and good wishes to the participants and their families on Christmas and highlighted the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan for inter-faith harmony and socio-economic welfare of minorities. The participants appreciated organization of the event to mark the auspicious



On 19 December 2021 Ambassador Tarar met with H.E. Ziad Al Atiyah Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the Netherlands and discussed issues of bilateral interest including the importance of 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.



Pakistani diaspora in the Netherlands continues its invaluable support to economy of Pakistan by sending remittances back home. Increasing confidence of the community in the formal channels is highly appreciated. Thanks to our Pakistani Community in the Netherlands.



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September – December 2021

EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN - THE HAGUE - AMBASSADOR SULJUK MUSTANSAR TARAR

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 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Sigrid Kaag visited Islamabad

1 September, 2021

Foreign Minister of the Netherlands met with Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi. Sigrid Kaag arrived at the Foreign Ministry with a delegation. The Foreign Minister welcomed the Foreign Minister of the Netherlands. Talks between Pakistan and the Netherlands will be held at the Foreign Ministry shortly. The talks focused on bilateral relations and the current situation in Afghanistan. After the talks, the two Foreign Ministers will address a joint press conference, which was broadcast live. The promotion of high level relations between Pakistan and the Netherlands is a sign of the stability of bilateral relations.



VISIT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS SIGRID KAAG TO PAKISTAN (1 SEPTEMBER 2021)

Official Foreign Ministers'-level exchange of views on the **evolving situation in Afghanistan** - The talks will also cover **bilateral matters**

Pakistan has extended full facilitation to The Netherlands in its efforts for **evacuation of diplomatic and other personnel from Afghanistan**

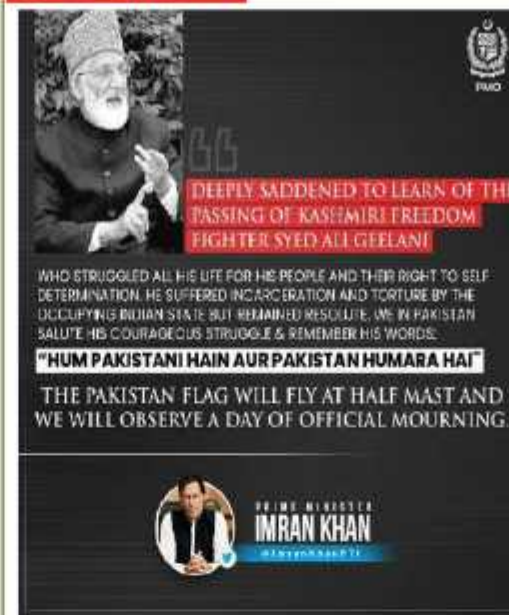
Prime Minister Imran Khan and Prime Minister Mark Rutte spoke on the telephone regarding the situation in Afghanistan on 18 August 2021



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KASHMIR



Prime Minister Imran Khan Expresses Heartfelt Condolences Over The Demise of Syed Ali Gillani

12 September, 2021

"The Government and people of Pakistan deeply mourn the passing away of the iconic leader of the Kashmiri resistance, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, under prolonged house arrest in IIOJK. The nation pays rich tribute to his life-long struggle for justice and freedom.

He inspired three generations of Kashmiris in resisting the illegal Indian occupation and unabated tyranny. He was a true voice and hero of the Kashmiris' struggle for self-determination, who never lost his ideological moorings for a single moment. May his soul Rest In Peace and may he continue to be an inspiration for those carrying his mission forward to bring an end to illegal Indian occupation of Jammu and Kashmir." Ambassador Tarar attended the Gaibana Janaza of the deceased.

Kashmir Black Day

28 October, 2021

The Embassy of Pakistan, the Hague arranged a seminar on 28 October 2021 to mark the Kashmir Black Day. The chief guest of the seminar was President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry, who had especially come to The Hague to attend the event. She joined the event virtually from Jakarta, Indonesia. While addressing the audience, Ms. Schurman said that Kashmiri people were suffering on daily basis and urged the international community to study and analyze the Jammu and Kashmir dispute from a neutral perspective and stand with the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). Prof Aslam Syed stated that Kashmiri people had been facing suppression in the last two centuries and their story was a Shakespearian tale. He urged the European countries to raise their voice for the oppressed people of IIOJK. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar said that it had been more than 800 days since India imposed military siege, media blackout and other restrictions along with unilateral and illegal action of 5 August 2019. He reiterated that Pakistan has an abiding commitment to the Kashmiri cause and realization of their inalienable right to self-determination and just resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UNSC Resolution and wishes of Kashmiri people. Later, President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry appreciated the organization of the event. The event was attended by members of academia, entrepreneurs and local activists. A photo exhibition had also been organized depicting the Kashmiri victims of Indian atrocities and gross human rights violations.

The key note speakers included Prof. Muhammad Aslam Syed from Bonn University and Ms. Laura Schurman, a known Dutch academic, living in Indonesia for over two decades.



Commercial and Trade

Mango Festival 6 September, 2021

Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague organised the 17th Annual Mango Festival. The event was attended by Dutch companies, Diplomats and the Pakistani diaspora. The Ambassador highlighted growing exports of Pakistan's agricultural products including mango and rice.

Exports of Mangoes to the Netherlands increased by 124%. Pakistan's basmati is known for its unique aroma and taste. In 2020, Pakistan was the largest supplier of Basmati rice to EU. It manifests availability of state-of-the-art processing facilities in Pakistan and the growing confidence of international consumers/buyers in our products.

The participants appreciated the quality and taste of mangoes and rice. The Ambassador appreciated the efforts of our growers and exporters to exploit these crops for earning the forex for the country. Documentaries on tourism attracted the audience to explore the diverse potentials in Pakistan. The event was organized with the collaboration of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan.



Roshan Digital Account

2 November, 2021

Webinar was held on 2 November 2021, Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague, in collaboration with the Bank of Punjab and State Bank of Pakistan organised a webinar on Roshan Digital Account and allied products like Roshan Apna Ghar, Roshan Apni Car, Roshan Equity Investment and Roshan Samaaji Khidmat. Panel of experts elaborated how Pakistani diaspora can benefit from these products to own a house, a car, to invest in various schemes and contribute to philanthropic works in Pakistan. Response from the community was overwhelming. Ambassador appreciated the continued support by the Pakistani diaspora and thanked the panelists for their guidance to the community.



KLM

3 November, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Pieter Elbers, President and CEO of Royal Dutch Airlines KLM highlighting Pakistan's focus on geo-economics and improved connectivity and discussed potential opportunities for KLM direct flights to Pakistan and Netherlands.



Webinar on Footwear

7 December, 2021

Pakistan Embassy in the Netherlands & trade Development Authority Pakistan arranged a webinar titled "Certification & Standards Requirements for Footwear Sector in the Netherlands". Ambassador Tarar highlighted the potential of footwear exports. Speakers from the industry discussed the market standardization requirements.



FrieslandCampina

11 November, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with FrieslandCampina's President Mr. Roel van Neerbos & team. Ambassador Tarar highlighted Pakistan's focus on geo-economics & appreciated role of FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan in the development of Pakistan's dairy sector.

Ambassador Tarar Meets with Director of Clingendael Academy and Transnational Institute

16 & 17 September, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Ron Ton, Directors of the Clingendael Academy. Clingendael Academy is a leading Dutch training institute and think tank. It has been offering training courses to young diplomats from Pakistan. During the meeting issues of mutual interest were discussed. In a separate meeting with Fiona Dove Executive Director of Transnational Institute, Amsterdam TNI's work were discussed and Ambassador Tarar shared Pakistan's perspective on current developments.



Meetings with Dutch Officials

26 October, 2021

On 26 October 2021, Ambassador Tarar met with Ms. Salima Belhaj, Member of the House of Representatives of The Netherlands at the Tweede Kamer. They discussed issues of bilateral and mutual interest, including South Asia and current Afghanistan situation. Ambassador Tarar expressed desire to further strengthen the bilateral relations with the Netherlands in all areas of mutual interest. MS. Salima Belhaj conveyed thanks for Pakistan's support and facilitation for evacuation of Dutch staff from Afghanistan.



11 December, 2021

Ambassador Tarar met with Ambassador Karin Mossenlechner of Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and discussed matters of mutual interest.

21 September 2021

On 21 September 2021, Ambassador Suljuk Tarar had met with Mr. Thijs Reuten and discussed Pakistan-EU relations and other mutualities.

04 November, 2021

On 4 November 2021, Ambassador Tarar met with Ms. Kati Piri, Member of the House of Representatives of The Netherlands at the Tweede Kamer. The two sides discussed issues of bilateral and mutual interest, including South Asia and current Afghanistan situation. Ambassador Tarar expressed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen the bilateral relations with the Netherlands in all areas of common relevancies.

10 November, 2021

On 10 November 2021, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Ms. Dewi van de Weerd, Ambassador for International Cultural Cooperation at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands, to discuss Pakistan-Netherlands cultural relations.





Fundraising Cricket Competition Organized by Punjab Cricket Club Rotterdam to Raise Funds for Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital

19 September, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar attended a fundraising cricket competition organized by Punjab Cricket Club Rotterdam to raise funds for Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital.

The Ambassador appreciated the initiative and engaging youth from Pakistani community in sports activities in the Netherlands.

Acquaintance with the Pakistani Student at IHE Delft and Talks on Opportunities in the Water Sector

23 September, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Rector of IHE Delft Prof. Dr. Eddy J. Moors. Both sides discussed to further build opportunities for water sector of Pakistan and to achieve SDG6. Dr. Eddy appreciated Pakistan's efforts to combat environmental hazards through initiatives like [Plant4Pakistan](#). The Ambassador also met with Pakistani students studying in IHE Delft. He informed the students that the Mission is regularly taking up the issue of including Pakistan in the Orange Knowledge Program by the Dutch Government.



07 October, 2021

Pakistan Delegation Participated in the 98th Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW



The 98th Session of the Executive Council of the OPCW was held from 5-8 October 2021. Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the OPCW, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar took the floor to present Pakistan's position on the consent agenda.

Art & Culture



Kunstmuseum

9 October, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Director Benno Tempel & Head of Collections Doede Hardeman of Kunstmuseum The Hague and gave them an overview of vibrant Pakistani contemporary art.



Amare

17 December, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Director Jan Zoet of Amare and discussed prospects of collaboration in the fields of art and culture.

Wilco van Rooijen

18 October, 2021

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with famous Dutch mountaineer and adventurer Mr. Wilco van Rooijen. Wilco had successfully scaled K2 in 2008 - world's second highest mountain and one of the most difficult mountains to climb. During his descent Wilco got lost and survived after remaining missing for three days. He had earlier attempted to climb World's second highest mountain in 1995 and 2006. During the meeting Wilco was accompanied by Dutch adventure movie /documentary maker Sjors Ruijter who is making a movie on Wilco's expeditions. Wilco presented Ambassador Tarar his book about his K2 climb, the Ambassador also shared Urdu travelogue K2 Kahani covering track to the basecamp of K2. The Amb informed him about increased tourism in Pakistan and efforts being made by the Government of Pakistan to increase tourism including adventure tourism. Pakistan Embassy is working to increase interest of Dutch tourists to visit Pakistan. Pakistan's diverse landscape and mountains offer a unique challenges to adventurers and mountaineers from across the world.



Eid Milad-un-Nabi

19 October, 2021

The Embassy of Pakistan in the Netherlands celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi with religious zeal and fervor. A special event for celebrations of the blessed birth of Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH with traditional reverence and love was organized by the Pakistan Ladies Association in the Netherlands (PLAIN) at the Pakistan House. It was attended by women and children belonging to the Pakistani diaspora. Earlier, the Embassy personnel led by Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar also got together to celebrate the blessed occasion, Wishing everyone an auspicious 12 Rabialawwal 1443H.



Republic Day of Turkey

On 27 October 2021, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Saban Disli, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey and discussed Bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest. At the occasion Ambassador Tarar wished the people of Turkey on Republic Day.

Long live Pakistan-Turkey friendship!



E-Kachehri

The Embassy held E-Kachehri on 21 September, 22 November and 17 December 2021. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar listened to the complaints, problems and suggestions of the participants. The Ambassador and officers of the Embassy guided the participants on their queries. The participants appreciated organizing of the E-Kachehri.

