

## Webinar Series on Water Security & Sustainable Development

**28 march** The embassy of Pakistan the in Hague, in collaboration with IHE Delft has planned a series of webinars on Water Security and Sustainable Development in Pakistan. IHE Delft is one of the leading water education facility in the world. The first webinar in this series was held on 28 March 2022. The webinar was attended by a number of participants from Pakistan, the Netherlands and other countries including from Centre of Excellence in Water Resources, UET, Lahore, representatives of government departments, scholars and students.

The speakers at the webinar included Dr. Eddy Moors Rector of IHE Delft, Dr. Abubakr Muhammad Associate Professor and Chair of Electrical Engineering, founding Director of the Center for Water Informatics & Technology (WIT), and the lead for NCRA, LUMS, Mr. Haris Ali from the Punjab Irrigation Department Pakistan and Ms. Cristina Anacabe, IHE Delft Liaison Office. The Webinar was moderated by Dr Ilyas Masih Associate Professor of Water Resources Planning at the Department of Water Resources and Ecosystems, IHE Delft. The speakers highlighted

the importance attributed to water management, as an accelerator to Sustainable Development Goals .They focused on Pakistan's vision and strategy on higher education and built the case for capacity development in water security and sustainable development underscoring that the policy planning related to water management. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, in his remarks underscored the importance of Water and related sectors such as agriculture and energy to ensure sustainable development in Pakistan.



## The Ambassador attended National Day event organised by Pakistani Community

The Ambassador, in his remarks, highlighted significance of the day, appreciated the role of Pakistani community in the Netherlands and informed about the Govt's initiatives to facilitate overseas Pakistanis.

## Economic Relations

**30 March** Pak-Netherlands economic relations are consistently on upward trajectory. Our exporters deserve applause for this outstanding performance. Opportunities in the Dutch market need to be explored further .



# NEWS LETTER

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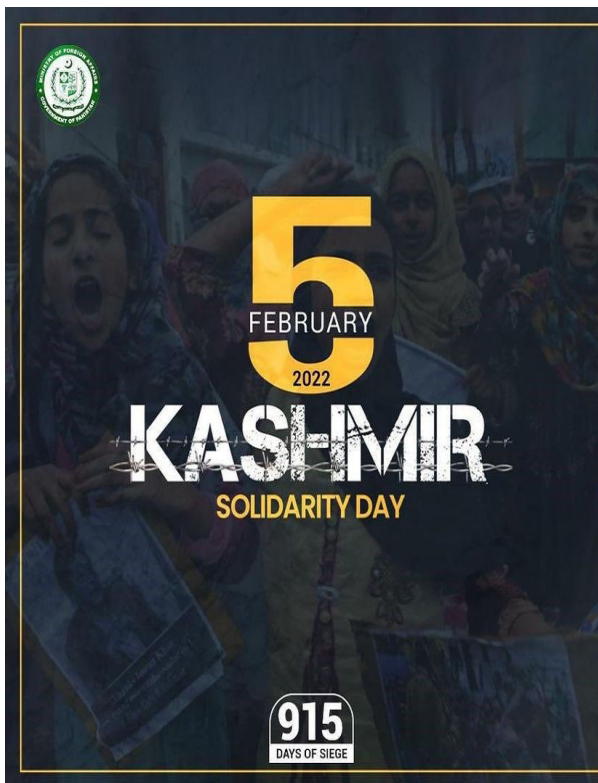
### Meeting with PUM Netherlands Expert

26 January Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met Mr. Wim Van Halteren PUM Netherlands senior experts (Programma Uitzending Managers) Country Coordinator for Pakistan. The Ambassador appreciated Pakistan and the Netherlands' cooperation and PUM's role in small and medium enterprises capacity building in Pakistan. He also highlighted the Government of Pakistan's focus on SME & geoeconomics, and encouraged PUM to further expand its Pakistan program.

### Kashmir Solidarity Day

05 February The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in

the Netherlands organized a webinar to commemorate "Kashmir Solidarity Day" on 05 February 2022. The speakers at the webinar included Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General, ISSI and Former Foreign Secretary, Ali Raza Syed, Chairman of Kashmir Council European Union, Prof. Muhammad Aslam Syed, a known academic and public intellectual. The webinar was virtually attended by more than 40 participants including academics, university students and community members. The speakers highlighted the historical, political, legal and human dimension of Jammu and Kashmir dispute and its regional and global implications. They were of the opinion that the gross human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) remained a big challenge to the conscience of the international community. Since Indian government's illegal and unilateral actions of 05 August 2019, the humanitarian and human rights situation in IIOJK has sharply deteriorated. Speaking at the occasion, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar said that the human rights situation in IIOJK has continued to worsen following India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019. The inhuman military siege, which has remained in place for almost two and a half years now, has resulted in the martyrdom of hundreds of Kashmiris. Ambassador Tarar mentioned efforts made by Pakistan's leadership in highlighting the Jammu and Kashmir issue to the world. He expressed that Pakistan remains committed to a peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions and wishes of the Kashmiri people.



### The Ambassador's meeting at Institute of Global Affairs

11 March Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar visited Institute of Global Affairs, Leiden University and met with faculty members Dr. Tahir Abbas, Jan Aart Scholte, Zakia Shiraz & Jan Melissen. Ambassador Tarar discussed diplomacy, security, governance, regional & global situation.



### Visit to M/s. Don Trucking

25 March Ambassador E Mr. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar visited office of Don Trucking, B.V. in Ulf, Netherlands, on 25th March 2022. Mr Don De Jong, CEO Don Trucking, Mr Nico Wissing, Co-owner of Greenlabel NL, and

initiator of Urban Oasis, Mr Edo Bosga, Owner and CEO of Pincvision and Mr. Thomas Kolmans, MD NoName were also present. M/s. Don Trucking and M/s. NoName have started businesses in Pakistan and expressed their satisfaction over their experience in Pakistan. The Ambassador discussed trade and investment opportunities in Pakistan, CPEC, sustainability/ SDGs, climate, potential in ITes, art, and logistics. The Ambassador also visited art gallery maintained by Mr. Don. He appreciated his efforts for promotion of the art and briefed about contemporary art in Pakistan. Both sides agreed to make mutual efforts to organize some event for promotion of Pakistani art in Pakistan.

### Diplomat Magazine Published Ambassador's Article on Art and Cricket

14 march Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar wrote in Diplomat Magazine about Pakistani contemporary art & cricket. The article has highlighted an art project by famous Pakistani artist Imran Qureshi with one of Pakistan Super League teams. The article also looks at Pakistani art, cricket linkage in Pakistan - Netherlands & Pakistani exports of sports goods.



### Monthly E -Kachehris

The Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague, organized monthly E-Kachehris on 20 January, 21 February and 24 March 2022. Pakistani community members living in the Netherlands were invited to join E-Kachehri and they discussed their issues individually with the Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar and his team. The community members appreciated the Embassy's efforts for redressal of their problems.







### National Day Celebration

**23 March** The National Day of Pakistan was celebrated by the Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague, with traditional zeal and enthusiasm. A flag hoisting ceremony was held at Pakistan House, which was attended by a large number of Pakistani community including, women and children from different parts of the Netherlands. The national flag was hoisted by Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar at the tune of national anthem. Messages of the President and Prime Minister for the occasion, highlighting objectives of the creation of Pakistan and the government's resolve to develop a truly democratic welfare state, were read out to the audience. The Ambassador in his address reiterated significance of the day for entire nation, paid tribute to the leaders of Pakistan movement and briefed about Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's initiatives for welfare of overseas Pakistani. He briefed the participants on Pakistan- Netherlands relations and trade between the two countries. He paid homage to the Kashmiri people in their just struggle for right to self-determination from the illegal Indian occupation. He urged the Pakistani community in the Netherlands to continue to play a constructive role in the promotion of Pakistan - the Netherlands relationship.



### Meeting with Professor Jean-Marc

**20 January** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin Secretary General of the Hague Academy of International Law and discussed significance of the Academy, Programmes it offers, Avenues of cooperation with Pakistan.



### 9th round of Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC)

**10 February** The 9th round of Pakistan-The Netherlands Bilateral Political Consultations (BPC) was held on 10 February. Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood and Mr. Paul Huijts, Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, led the respective sides. The two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation in a range of areas including political, economic, trade and investment, climate change, education and culture.

They also exchanged views on regional issues and expressed satisfaction at the upward trajectory of bilateral relations. It was also agreed to celebrate the 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and The Netherlands next year in a befitting manner.

The Foreign Secretary also highlighted Pakistan's facilitative role in evacuation operations from Afghanistan and reiterated Pakistan's commitment in supporting the international community in its efforts to strengthen peace and stability in Afghanistan. The Dutch side was also briefed on India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019 and steps to alter the demographic structure of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The Secretary General appreciated Pakistan's assistance in its evacuation operations from Afghanistan and hoped for Pakistan's continued support in this context. Pakistan and The Netherlands enjoy cordial relations bilaterally as well as in the context of the EU. The Netherlands is an important trading partner and one of the largest investors in Pakistan.

### Meeting with MP Marielle Paul of VVD

**21 January** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with MP Marielle Paul of the VVD Party. Both sides discussed strengthening of relations including bilateral trade & educational cooperation. Also had a good talk about her Pakistani heritage.

He stated that The Netherlands was a major trade partner of Pakistan in the European Union and hoped that the Dutch companies would take advantage of the investment opportunities created by business-friendly policies of the government.







### The Ambassador's meeting with Mayor of Wassenaar

**11 February** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met Mayor of Wassenaar Mr. Leendert de Lange and discussed Pakistan-Netherlands relations & Dutch local government system. Wassenaar is a historical town with rich cultural heritage.

### Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Irrigated Agriculture Improvement Project Delegation visited the Netherlands

**30 January to 13 February 2022** A delegation, headed by Director General WM Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Irrigated Agriculture Improvement Project (KPIAIP), visited the Netherlands from 30 January to 13 February 2022 to attend a capacity building program. Mr. Muhibullah Khan, Minister for Agriculture, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Mr. Fazl Hakim MPA and Chairman DDAC Swat also joined the delegation. On conclusion of the Training, Ambassador Mr. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar along with Mr. Muhibullah Khan distributed certificates among the participants. The training was conducted in collaboration with Delphy, the Netherlands. The Mission also facilitated negotiations of the Delegation for intertwining arrangements with IHE, Delft which is likely to be formalised in the form of an MoU in near future.



### Meeting with Director Protocol and Host Country Affairs

**16 February** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Ms. Dominique Kuhling, Director Protocol and Host Country Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both sides discussed Pakistan-Netherlands relations and recent high level interactions between the two countries.



### 9th session of the OPCW Executive Council

**12 March** OPCW Executive Council held 99th session from 8-10 March. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the OPCW, reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention. Ambassador Tarar congratulated Ambassador Eniola Olaitan Ajayi of Nigeria, chair EC-99, for successful conclusion of the EC. Ambassador Zaid Al Atiyah of Saudi Arabia was elected as New chair of the Executive Council.

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar also along with Ambassador Salima Abdelhak and Dr Maan Alhafez congratulated Ambassador Zaid and extended cooperation. The 100th session of the Executive Council is scheduled for July.



### The Ambassador visits CFC Head Office

**10 March** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar visited CFC Headoffice to discuss issues of mutual interest with M.D. Common Fund for Commodities, Amb. Sheikh Mohammed Belal. Ambassador Tarar underscored the importance of interventions by CFC to help Commodity sector SMEs of developing countries- the mainstay of our agriculture-dependent populations.



### Gifted Books on Pakistani Art

**07 March** Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar visited Rijksakademie and presented books on Pakistani art including on leading Pakistani artist Aisha Khalid to Director Strategy & Development Susan Gloudemans.