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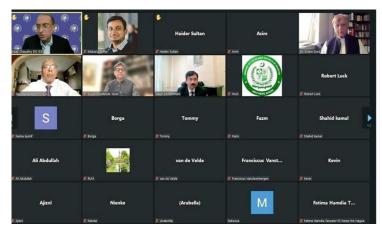


The 100th session of the OPCW Executive Council

took place on the 8 July. Pakistan stands for the full implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and actively participated in the EC section.

Webinar on Kashmir to Observe "Youm-e-Istehsal" (06 August)

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the Netherlands organized a webinar on Kashmir to observe "Youm-e-Istehsal" on 06 August 2022. The webinar focused on evolving situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) during last three years since India's unilateral action to revoke Articles 35 (A) and 370 to undo the special status of Jammu & Kashmir. 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 a number of participants including academics, university students and community members. Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Director General, ISSI elaborated the history of Kashmiri people's sufferings and threat to their identity due to demographic engineering by the Indian government.

Ali Raza Syed, Chairman of Kashmir Council European Union, highlighted the atrocities of Indian government and violation of human rights in IIOJK. Prof. Muhammad Aslam Syed expressed solidarity with the people of IIOJK and focused on the worsening human rights situation after 5 August 2019. He said that the West had a double standard when it came to human rights violations in IIOJK. He strongly urged to raise voice against Indian atrocities and called international community to ask India to fulfil its commitments made in the United Nations.

Speaking at the occasion, Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar said that "Youm-e-Istehsal" is a dark day in the history of Kashmir. During last three years, staggering human rights situation followed by draconian military siege in IIOJK is a challenge for the international community. Ambassador Tarar elaborated Pakistan's efforts afoot to rally international support for the cause of right of self-determination of Kashmiri brethren. The participants actively participated in the session and also raised some questions which were responded by the panel. Ambassador Tarar thanked the speakers and participants for the discussion and joining Pakistan Embassy to commemorate "Youm-e-Istehsal".





Flood Relief Assistance Campaign (08 September)

In the wake of the devastating floods in Pakistan CDA Muhammad Wasif met with the members of the Pakistani community commending their efforts to collect funds Cd'A encouraged them to contribute more to help their countrymen in this tragedy



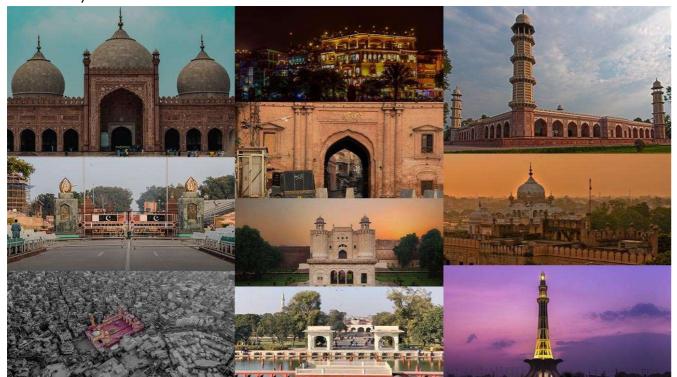




Community Meeting to Review Flood Relief Campaign (September 27)

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar held a meeting with representatives of Pakistan community belonging to various walks of life including students, businessmen and mosques in the Netherlands on 26 September 2022. He briefed them about the magnitude of recent floods in Pakistan in which more than 1,600 people have lost lives and 1.2 million houses, 13,074 kilometres of roads, 392 bridges and 18 dams have been damaged. Moreover, one million cattle have perished and a total area of 5.4 million acres crops has been affected.

He highlighted the ongoing relief activities by the Government of Pakistan and significance of assistance received from other countries including relief package of Euros 3.5 million announced by the Dutch Government. He appreciated the efforts of overseas Pakistanis in the Netherlands for raising funds to support relief activities in Pakistan and encouraged the community to redouble its efforts for collection of funds.





welcome the Pakistan Cricket Team (12 August)

Pakistan Embassy The Netherlands welcomed the Pakistan Cricket Team to the Netherlands.





Mango Festival (12 August)

Our celebrations for Pakistan at 75 began with a mango festival, where delicious Pakistani mangoes were enjoyed by all present! Pakistani mangoes are world renowned for their flavor & aroma & are indeed one of our most khaas treats.







Special Gift (12 August)

Pakistani mangoes are always a special gift! Special Gift of custom boxes of mangoes from the President & the Prime Minister of Pakistan were received for Dutch dignitaries which were distributed by Pakistan Embassy The Netherlands





75thIndependenceDay (14 August)

The Embassy of Pakistan, The Netherlands celebrated the 75th anniversary of Independence Day at Pakistan House with Pakistani community and the Pakistan National Cricket Team, which was in the Netherlands to play its first ever series of three matches with the Dutch National Cricket team.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by a large number of Pakistani community from different parts of the Netherlands. Pakistan National Cricket team attended as special guests to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence.

The Ambassador, speaking at the occasion, appreciated Pakistani community's important and constructive role in promoting all aspects of Pakistan & the Netherlands relations including through remittances sent back home. He specially thanked the National Cricket Team, and Dutch Royal Cricket Board's representatives for joining the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Pakistan's independence.

Captain Babar Azam thanked the embassy for organizing the event and thanked the Pakistani community for their prayers and support and added that while playing overseas the support of Pakistanis in the stadium is always a source of strength and that the team looked forward to a great game in the Netherlands.







The special event was widely attended and participants were treated with traditional Pakistani cuisine.

Dinner in the Honour of Pakistani Artists and Curators (30 September)

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar hosted a dinner in the honour of Pakistani artists and curators, currently, on the visit to the Netherlands at the invitation of Mondriaan Fund under the visitor's programme. The dinner was also attended by Ms. Devi Vande Weerd, Ambassador for International Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Mr. Eelco van der Lingen, Director of the Mondriaan Fund, Ms. Fariba Derakhshani, Chief of Special Projects at Prince Claus Fund and the Dutch artists and curators.

The Ambassador, in his remarks, highlighted the significance of bilateral relations between Pakistan and the Netherlands. He also underscored the role of art and culture in public diplomacy and briefed about the magnitude of recent disastrous floods in Pakistan. He appreciated the Dutch government's assistance package of Euros 3.5 million for the government of Pakistan's ongoing relief activities. He also mentioned the Embassy's efforts to raise funds in collaboration the overseas Pakistani community in the Netherlands.

The Ambassador encouraged the Dutch artists to join the Embassy of Pakistan's efforts to raise funds for flood relief activities in Pakistan.





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