



#### **Donations for flood relief in Pakistan (19 November)**

Pakistan Embassy the Netherlands joined Pakistan Business Forum & other community organizations in the Netherlands for an event to raise donations for flood relief in Pakistan.

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar highlighted the devastation wreaked by the recent floods and the efforts undertaken by the Embassy to gather donations and assistance from various communities, especially Pakistanis, corporate sector, & NGOs/CSOs. He thanked Pakistani community organizations for sending donations to Pakistan.

The Ambassador urged for continued efforts to extend every possible help to the flood affectees in Pakistan.

#### **Meeting with Mr. Maarten Amse of Sheltersuit Foundation and Mr. Pascal Betten of Interloop Ltd Europe (07 November)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Maarten Amse of Sheltersuit Foundation and Mr. Pascal Betten of Interloop Ltd Europe. The Ambassador appreciated their collaboration to supply shelter bags for the flood affectees in Pakistan.

#### **Meeting with the Representatives of the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) (18 October)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with the representatives of the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) which is an alliance of NGOs working in the field of humanitarian assistance. Ambassador Tarar briefed the participants about the latest situation in the wake of floods in Pakistan. As part of the Dutch government's relief package, six NGOs are undertaking activities to provide relief to the flood affectees. The representatives from Care Netherlands, Stichting Vluchteling and Tearfund Netherlands briefed about the medium and long term objectives and expected results and mentioned that their efforts would benefit around 90,000 people in Pakistan.



The Badshahi Mosque (literally The Royal Mosque)



Quaid-e-Azam Residency in Ziarat, where the founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah spent his last days

Cunningham a clock tower, Peshawar

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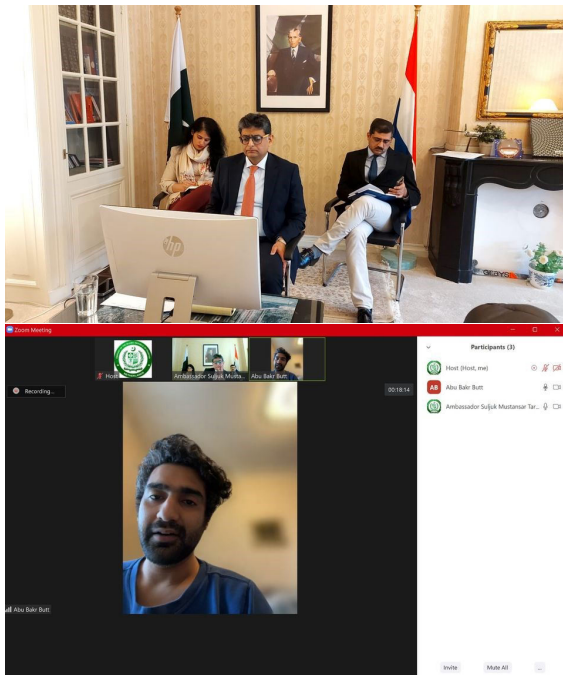
#### **A Delegation of Balochistan Government Visited the Netherlands (05 October)**

A delegation of the Government of Balochistan comprising senior civil servants from the province visited the Embassy. The group was in the Netherlands to attend a training programme on rural empowerment at The Hague Academy for local governance.



#### **E-Kachehri (30 December)**

The Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague, held E-Kachehri on 29 December 2022. Pakistani diaspora living in the Netherlands were invited to join E-Kachehri and they discussed their issues individually with the Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar and Embassy team. Their suggestions were noted and details about the problems related to Pakistani institutions/departments would be referred to the concerned quarters in Pakistan. The participants appreciated the complaints redressal platforms provided to overseas Pakistanis.



#### **Meeting with Mr. Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam (16 December)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam. They discussed issues of mutual interest including role of Pakistani community living in the Netherlands, lessons from Dutch Water Management skills after the unprecedented floods in Pakistan, and urban planning.

#### **Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (08 October)**

The 101st session of the Executive Council of Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) was held from 04-06 October 2022. permanent representative of Pakistan to the OPCW Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar delivered our National statement, reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention and looking to the future through the 5th Review Conference.



#### **27th session of OPCW (06 December)**

27th session of OPCW Conference of States Parties CSP27 was held in The Hague. Pakistan delegation, led by Permanent Representative to OPCW Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar, actively participated in CSP27. Pakistan stands for the full and effective implementation of the CWC.



#### **Appeal for Funds at Eid Mild-un-Nabi Ceremony (09 October)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar attended as Chief Guest a ceremony to celebrate Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) at Pakistan Islamic and Culture Centre, The Hague. The ceremony was celebrated with religious zeal and zest which was attended by a number of men, women and children. While highlighting the magnitude of floods in Pakistan, and appreciated the role of overseas Pakistanis in raising funds for relief assistance in Pakistan. He also briefed about the ongoing relief activities by the Government of Pakistan, assistance package by the Dutch government and flash appeal by the United Nations. The Ambassador mentioned efforts of the Embassy of Pakistan to spread awareness about floods in Pakistan and raising funds for relief assistance. He urged the members of Pakistani community in the Netherlands for generous contributions for rescue and rehabilitation of our brethren in Pakistan.



#### **Contribution to the Flood Relief (21 October)**

Pakistan community members in NL called on Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar to present their contribution to the Flood Relief Account. The Ambassador briefed about efforts being done for soliciting maximum support from the Netherlands. He appreciated efforts of the community.

#### **Meeting with Mr. Marijn Duintjer Tebbens, journalist for NOS (02 November)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Mr. Marijn Duintjer Tebbens, journalist for NOS, who shared his traveling experience in Pakistan & coverage of floods for Nieuwsuur. Mr Tebbens appreciated the support received from the Embassy.

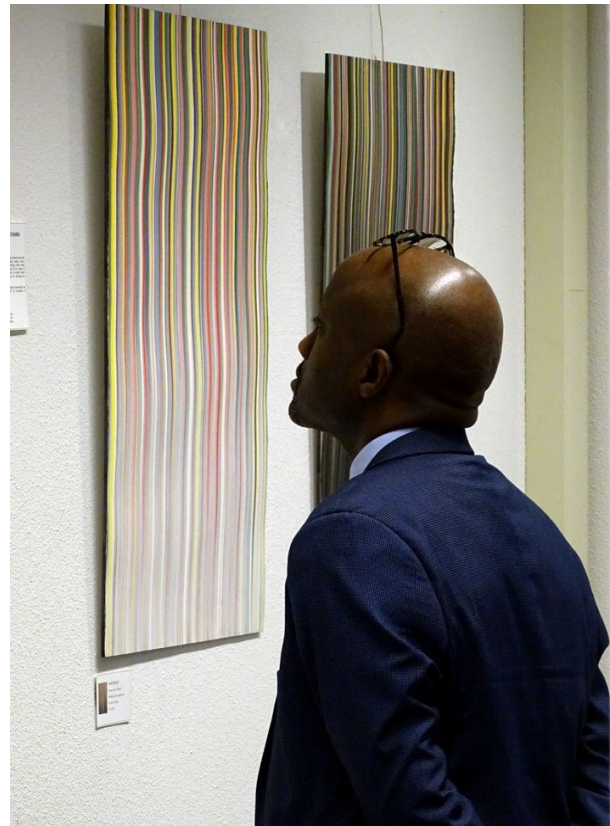




### PAKART Exhibition (20 December)

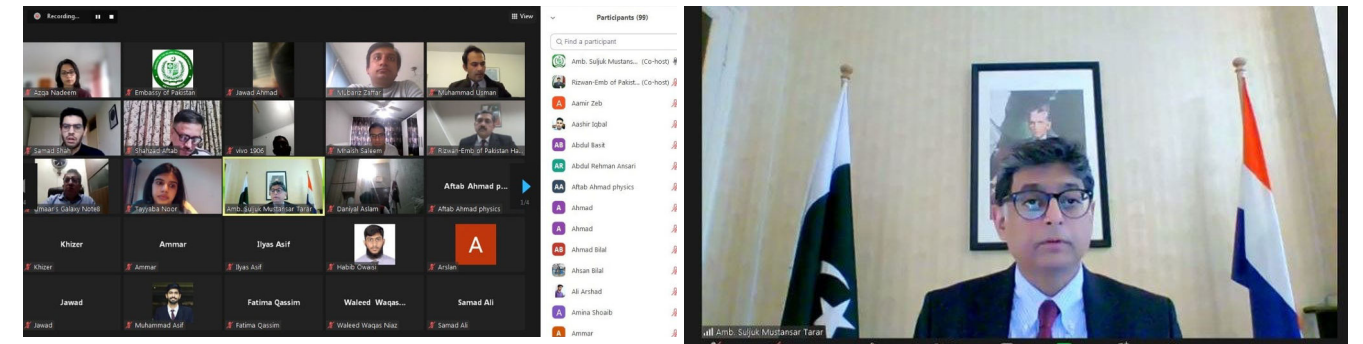
Pakistan Embassy the Netherlands has organized a group show of Pakistani visual artists "PAKART" at Korte Vijverberg 2 2513 AB, The Hague from 17 December 2022 to 08 January 2023. PAKART exhibition is bringing the works of 12 renowned Pakistani contemporary artists belonging to three generations showing the depth and breadth of visual art work being done in Pakistan. It includes traditional miniature, painting, landscape painting, printmaking, sculpture, and video installations. The artists in the exhibition are some of Pakistan's leading and internationally known and include Atif Khan, Bashir Ahmed, Fawad Jafri, Imran Channa, Imran Qureshi, Iram Wani, Jamil Baloch, Naheed Fakhar, Nazir Ahmed, Noor Chagani, R. M. Naeem, and Yaseen Khan. The first day of the exhibition was attended by a large number of The Hague based Ambassadors and Dutch with interest in arts. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar gave an overview of how the exhibition had been curated and current status of contemporary art in Pakistan. He mentioned different types of work and how contemporary miniature painting from Pakistan has become a global art movement. He also mentioned the cultural links between Pakistan and the Netherlands and that Pakistani visual artists like others in the world have been inspired by the Dutch masters during their education or careers. The venue of the exhibition is across the street to Mauritshuis Museum, The Hague. Mauritshuis is a two-century old world known museum which has some of the best works of Dutch masters like Vermeer, Rembrandt, and Peter Paul Rubens. As a result, a large number of people are expected to see the Pakistani exhibition.

Pakistan and the Netherlands will mark 75 years of their diplomatic relations in 2023. PAKART is a Public and Cultural Diplomacy initiative by Pakistan Embassy the Netherlands to bring Pakistani art, culture and heritage to the people of the Netherlands.



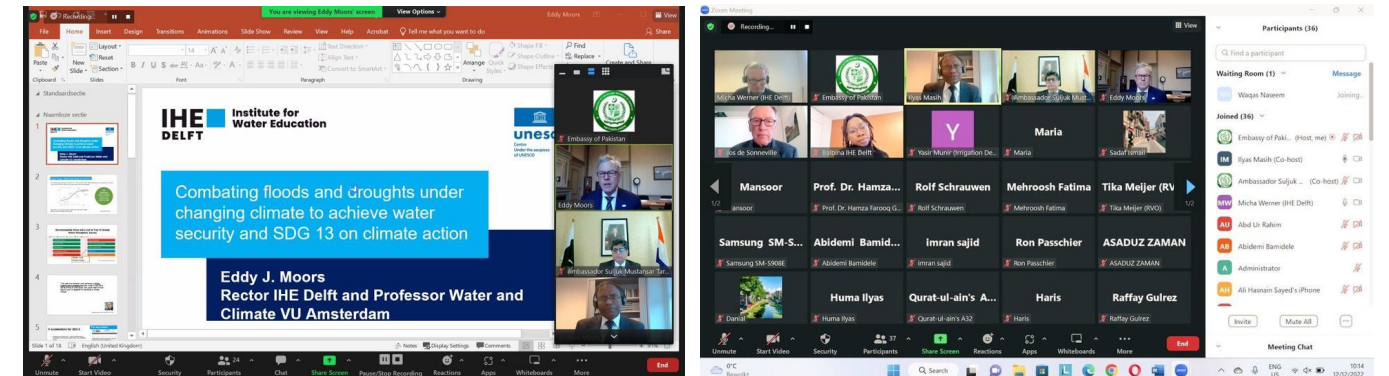
### Pakistani Community and PAKART Exhibition (29 December)

Pakistani community members saw PAKART Exhibition. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar briefed the community members about the exhibition. Pakistani community members appreciated embassy's initiative and different works of art displayed showing Pakistan's cultural strength & diversity.



### Webinar Trade Opportunities in the Netherlands (11 November)

Pakistan Embassy The Netherlands organised a webinar in collaboration with Trade Development Authority, Pakistan. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar welcomed the participants and highlighted the state of prospering bilateral relations between the two countries. A detailed presentation was given on bilateral economic relations and the trade opportunities for Pakistani businesses in the Netherlands. Queries of the participants were duly responded. The businesses were urged to venture into non-conventional sectors and help diversify export basket of Pakistan.



### Webinar Focused on 'Managing Climate Change Related floods and Droughts in Pakistan' (17 December)

The Embassy of Pakistan, the Hague in collaboration with IHE, Delft, Netherlands organized a webinar focused on 'Managing climate change related floods and droughts in Pakistan: lessons from research and field.' The webinar is part of an ongoing webinar series on 'Water Security and Sustainable Development in Pakistan' by the Embassy and IHE, Delft. The panel included Mr. Muhammad Kamran Akhtar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan, Dr. Eddy Moors, Rector of IHE, Delft, Dr. Ilyas Masih, Associate Professor IHE, Delft, Dr. Micha Werner, Associate Professor IHE Delft, and Dr Jos de Sonnevle, Team Leader of the Dutch Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Mission to Pakistan.

A sizable number of participants attended the virtual session. The webinar is part of continuation of efforts of the Mission to build capacity for water related challenges in Pakistan and achieving sustainable development. Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar said that the rise in hydro-climatic extremes is now clearly observable. And Pakistan is among the countries most impacted by climate change. With the unfortunate & unprecedented floods in Pakistan the topic of water management has become more important and needs to be addressed and discussed as matter of priority. Pakistan is thankful for the support received thus far from the international community including from the Dutch Government.



### Meeting with Ambassador of Qatar (15 November)

H.E. Ambassador Mr. Nasser Ibrahim Al-Langawi of Qatar met Ambassador Mr. Suljuk Mustansar Tarar and discussed issues of mutual interest. Ambassador Nasser presented AI-RIHLA, the official football for FIFA World Cup 2022 taking place in Qatar. Ambassador Tarar expressed his best wishes for successful organisation of the event. He also wished success for the football team of Qatar. Ambassador Tarar further highlighted Pakistan's unique position as the 2nd largest exporter of footballs in the world. Pakistan has manufactured footballs for past world cups and football leagues around the world. Forward Sports, Sialkot who have supplied football for the 2014, 2018 and 2022 world cups, is the largest football manufacturer in the world with the capacity to manufacture one million balls per month. It evidences availability of world class manufacturing facilities in Pakistan and making the country renowned as a quality producer of sports goods.





### **Opening Ceremony of United European Asian Christian Convention 2022 (13 October)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar attended the opening ceremony of United European Asian Christian Convention 2022, organized by the Urdu Church, Rotterdam – a Church for Pakistani origin Christian community residing in the Netherlands. The Ambassador, in his remarks, highlighted the significance of interfaith harmony and important role played by minorities in Pakistan.

He briefed the participants about recent floods in Pakistan and ongoing relief activities by the government. He also highlighted the relief assistance package offered by the Dutch government and the Embassy's efforts. He appreciated the efforts of Urdu Church for mobilizing flood assistance by Christian community in the Netherlands. He urged for generous contribution in flood relief fund to support rescue and rehabilitation efforts in Pakistan. The participants appreciated the Embassy's efforts to reach out to people belonging to every walk of life in the Netherlands.



### **Christmas Celebrations with Pakistani Origin Christian Community (22 December)**

The Embassy of Pakistan, The Hague held an event to mark Christmas celebrations with 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. The Ambassador highlighted the significance of interfaith harmony and important role played by minorities in Pakistan. He highlighted steps taken by the Government of Pakistan for welfare of minorities in Pakistan. He further said on the auspicious occasion of Christmas, we must keep our flood-affected brothers and sisters back in Pakistan in our thoughts and prayers. He appreciated the efforts of Urdu Church for mobilizing flood assistance and contributions by Christian community in the Netherlands.

The participants appreciated organization of the event to mark the auspicious occasion.



### **Seminar to Mark Kashmir Black Day (27 October)**

The Embassy of Pakistan, the Hague arranged a seminar to mark Kashmir Black Day - 27 October 2022.

The speakers included Mr. Ali Raza Syed, Chairman Kashmir Council – EU, Prof. Muhammad Aslam Syed from Bonn University, and a student representative in the Netherlands, Ms. Rameen also shared her views.

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar reiterated that Pakistan has an abiding commitment to the Kashmiri cause and realization of their right to self-determination. Pakistan advocates the just resolution of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute in accordance with UNSC Resolution. He stated that Pakistan would continue to support the Kashmiris in their just struggle. Special messages by the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister on Kashmir Black Day were also shared with the audience. The seminar was attended among others by Kashmiri diaspora, NGO representatives, academics and Dutch participants. At the end of the seminar the participants and guests were shown a micro-documentary on the plight of the Kashmiris in IIOJK.

### **PUM Netherlands (21 October)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar visited PUM Netherlands and met Director Mr. Peter Bongaerts, Country Coordinator Mr. Rolf Schrauwen and Project Officer Ms. Pauline Bon. They discussed strengthening collabor-

### **34th GC Meeting (21 December)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar attended 34th GC meeting of Common Fund and highlighted the devastation caused by floods in Pakistan and need for relief and rehabilitation, impact of climate change, importance of innovative solutions for commodity SMEs & achieving



### **Meeting with Pakistani Students (07 November)**

Ambassador Suljuk Mustansar Tarar met with Pakistani students studying at Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, and Leiden University and emphasized the importance of building people to people contacts through their activities.