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# PRIME MINISTER MR. IMRAN KHAN VISIT (23-24 FEBRUARY, 2021):

## Arrival in Sri Lanka



Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa warmly welcomed the Prime Minister Imran Khan to Sri Lanka upon his arrival along with cabinet members. High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka and officers of the High Commission were also present.

## Meeting with the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka



Prime Minister Imran Khan had extensive consultations with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Temple Trees (Prime Minister's Office).



High level bilateral talks; Pakistan-Sri Lanka Prime Minister's headed their respective delegations



Prime Minister Imran Khan and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa witnessed signing of MoUs between Pakistan and Sri Lanka



## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA



**Prime Minister Imran Khan** met the Sri Lankan **President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa**, at the President House. The one-on-one meeting between the two leaders was followed by delegation-level talks.

### Pakistan-Sri Lanka Trade & Investment Conference 2021



**Prime Minister Imran Khan** and **Prime Minister Rajapaksa** presided over the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Conference 2021.

### Lunch hosted in the honor of Prime Minister Imran Khan



A lunch hosted in the honor of **Prime Minister Imran Khan** by the Speaker of Sri Lankan Parliament **Mr. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena** and the Sri Lankan Minister of Youth and Sports **Mr. Namal Rajapaksa**.



## PHOTO EXHIBITION OF BUDDHIST HERITAGE OF PAKISTAN



**Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan** inaugurated a photo exhibition displaying Buddhist Heritage of Pakistan. The exhibition had pictures of original handmade sculptures excavated from Taxila and Takh-i-Bahi (Mardan) areas of Pakistan dating back between period of first century and fifth century. It was arranged by the Press Wing of the Pakistan High Commission, Sri Lanka. The photos were taken and specially prepared for the occasion by External Publicity Wing, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Pakistan



**Group Photo: H.E Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan with Officers of Pakistan High Commission, Colombo**

### Diplomatic Interactions



H.E. Mr. Yury Materi,  
Russian Ambassador in Sri  
Lanka called on **H.E. Major  
General (Retd)  
Muhammad Saad Khattak**



## Chinese Ambassador Called on High Commissioner



H.E Mr. Qi Zhenhong, Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka called on H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak

## Pakistan – Sri Lanka Relations



In line with H.E. Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan's vision to develop Buddhist religious tourism in Pakistan, a high-level delegation comprising of Senior Buddhist Monks from Sri Lanka visited Pakistan from 19-26th April 2021.



## HIGH COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER



The High Commissioner of Pakistan, H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak met the Hon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Prime Minister's Office.

### Pakistan Air Chief Marshal to Attend Sri Lanka 70th Year Celebrations of Air Force



Pakistan Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan, Chief of the Air Staff arrived in Sri Lanka to attend 70th Year Celebrations of Air Force. He was very warmly received by Sri Lankan Commander of Airforce.

### Pakistan Air Chief Called on Sri Lankan Prime Minister



Pakistan Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan called on Sri Lanka Prime Minister H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa. Air Chief expressed his gratitude to Sri Lankan Prime Minister for hospitality extended by Sri Lanka.



## HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak called on Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena as follow up to successful visit of H.E. Prime Minister Imran Khan.

### High Commissioner Met with Foreign Secretary



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak met Foreign Secretary Adm. Prof. Colombage at his office.

### State Minister of Women & Child Development Called on High Commissioner



Hon. Piya Nashantha De Silva, State Minister of Women & Child Development, Preschools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services, called on the High Commissioner H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak at the Pakistan High Commission



## HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON MINISTER OF TRADE



The High Commissioner of Pakistan, H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak, accompanied by Trade & Investment Attaché, Ms. Asmma Kamal, called on the Honorable Bandula Gunawardena, Minister of Trade, Sri Lanka and his team.

### Promotional Event for Pakistani Dates Held by High Commission of Pakistan



The High Commission of Pakistan, in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), organized a promotional event for Pakistani Dates (Fruit) Exports in Sri Lanka, at the High Commission

### State Minister, Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva Called on the High Commissioner of Pakistan



Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva, M.P. State Minister of Production & Supply & Regulation of Organic & Natural Fertilizer paid a courtesy call on the Pakistan High Commissioner, H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak.



## HIGH COMMISSIONER MET WITH DEFENCE SECRETARY



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak accompanied by Pakistan Defense Advisor Mr. Safdar Khan met with Gen. G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne (R) Defense Secretary, Sri Lanka



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak paid a courtesy call on the Governor of Sabaragamuwa Province, Hon. Tikiri Kobbekaduwa at his office.

### High Commissioner Visits Gangaramaya Temple



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak paid his respects at Gangaramaya Temple and called on Venerable Dr. Kirinde Assaji Thero.



## HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS SACRED CITY OF ANURADHAPURA



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak visited sacred city of Anuradhapura. He paid his respects to Ruwanweliseya & met the Venerable Pellagama Hemaratna Thero.

### High Commissioner Called on Chief Incumbent Mirisawetiya Maha Viharaya & Chancellor of Rajarata University



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak called on Chief Incumbent Mirisawetiya Maha Viharaya & Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Rev. Eetalwetunawewa Gnanathilaka Thero.

### High Commissioner Called on Ven Dr. Pallegama Sirinivasa Nayaka Thero



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak sought blessings of Most Ven Dr. Pallegama Sirinivasa Nayaka Thero, Atamasthanadhipathi, Chief Sanghanayaka of North Central Province. Ven. Thero showed keen interest visiting Pakistan Holy Buddhist Trail.



## HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON CHIEF INCUMBENT, VEN. DR KALLANCHIYE RATHANASIRI THERO



**H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** paid respects at Abhayagiri Temple & met Chief Incumbent, **Ven. Dr Kallanchiye Rathanasiri Thero** who chanted pirith & invoked blessings for health & prosperity of Pakistan HC & people of Pakistan.

### High Commissioner Called on the Governor of North Central Province



The High Commissioner, Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak called on the Governor of North Central Province, Hon. Maheepala Herath at his office in Anuradhapura.

### Meeting with Venerable Uduwe Dhammaloka Thero



High Commissioner, Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak met Venerable Uduwe Dhammaloka Thero, the Chief Incumbent of Alan Mathiniyaramaya at his temple in Kirulapona.



## High Commissioner Visited Nagananda International Buddhist University



High Commissioner, Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak visited Nagananda International Buddhist University & met Executive Director, Venerable Dr. Bodagama Chandima.

## High Commissioner of Pakistan Visited Sri Maha Viharaya



High Commissioner of Pakistan H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak visited Sri Maha Viharaya, Pamankada and met Most Venerable Dr. Walpola Piyananda Thero.

## High Commissioner Met with Member of Parliament, Jaffna



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak held a meeting with the Hon. Angajan Ramanathan Member of Parliament, at Jaffna District Secretariat.

## High Commissioner Met with Member of Parliament, Arugam Bay



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak had a productive discussion session with Ampara intellectuals & public officials followed by a dinner hosted by Hon. SMM Muszhaaraff, Member of Sri Lankan Parliament at Arugam Bay.

## ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER



Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, Acting High Commissioner paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena at his office.

### Deputy High Commissioner Called on Minister of Agriculture



Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Tanvir Ahmad and Trade & Investment Attache, Ms. Asmma Kamal called on Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage, Minister of Agriculture.

### Deputy High Commissioner Called on Chief Incumbent of the Abhayarama Viharaya



The Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Tanvir Ahmed called on the Chief Incumbent of the Abhayarama Viharaya, Ven. Muruththettuwe Ananda Thero, at his Temple.



# PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKAN ARMIES CONCLUDE JOINT EXERCISE



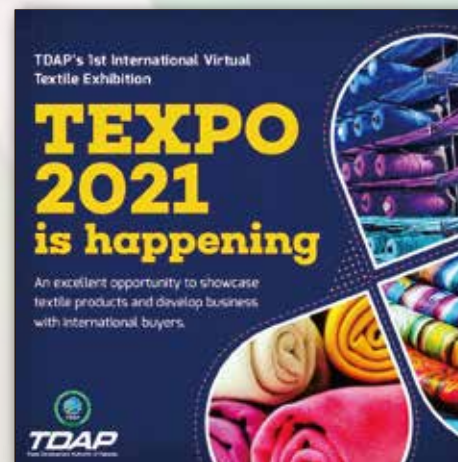
The High Commissioner of Pakistan, Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak and the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army of Sri Lanka General Shavendra Silva, graced the occasion of 'Shake Hands - 1' joint Field Training Exercise (FTX) as distinguished guests.

## High Commissioner Met with Commander Security Force Kilinochchi



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak held a meeting with Maj. Gen. Harendra Parakrama Ranasinghe, Commander Security Force HQ at Iranamadu, Kilinochchi.

## Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) - Virtual exhibition platform



The Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), under the auspices of Ministry of Commerce, launched the first ever virtual textile-specific trade exhibition of Pakistan from 1st till 5th February 2021.



## AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING SRI LANKAN ENTREPRENEURS



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak presented awards to outstanding Sri Lankan entrepreneurs at the 24th Sri Lankan Entrepreneurs of the Year Awards Ceremony organized by FCCISL (Federation of Chambers of Commerce Sri Lanka)

## 29th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka-Pakistan Business Council of Ceylon Chamber



The High Commissioner, H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak as Patron & Chief Guest, attended the 29th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka-Pakistan Business Council of Ceylon Chamber.

## High Commissioner Presented Professional Cricket Gear to Teams of Royal-Thomian Big Match



Pakistan Government continuing with Sports Diplomacy efforts, H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak presented professional cricket gear to competing teams of Royal College & S. Thomas' College.



### 1st meeting of Pakistan-Sri Lanka Business Council



Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, Deputy High Commissioner & Ms. Asmma Kamal, Trade & Investment Attaché participated in first meeting of Pakistan-Sri Lanka Business Council constituted under FPCCI.

### Chaired 132nd Meeting of the Consultative Committee of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak chaired 132nd meeting of the Consultative Committee of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme.

### Multi-Religious, Country-Wide 'Vishwa Ashirwada Horawa'



A multi-religious, country-wide 'Vishwa Ashirwada Horawa' was organised by Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs, headed by **Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa**, at Sri Gangaramaya Temple. The sacred Rathna Sutra and Jwara Pirith were also recited on the occasion and **Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Tanvir Ahmad** attended the event and also handed over the photo album of "The beginning of Sri Lanka - Pakistan Buddhist and Cultural Renaissance", to most venerable Dr. Kirindey Assaji Thero on the occasion.



## 7-DAY BLESSING RATHANA SUTTRA CHANTING



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak, participated as Chief Guest on the last day of the 7-day Blessing Rathana Sutra chanting, organized by the Most Ven. Murutthettuwe Ananda Nayaka Thero at Narahenpita Abhayarama Temple.

### Diplomatic Outreach Activities

Diplomatic Cricket Tournament Organized & Sponsored by Pakistan High Commission







In connection with the **Pakistan National Day (23.03.2021)** celebrations, **High Commission of Pakistan** organized a **Diplomatic Cricket Tournament** on 27.03.2021. A total of 10 teams from different High Commissions and International Organisations participated in the tournament. The opening ceremony of tournament was attended by the prominent guests, including prominent figures from diplomatic community. A good number of audience enjoyed the occasion including people from local business community. The 5-overs tournament was won by the International Committee of Red Cross. Winner & Runner-up trophy & gifts to Umpires & team securing 3rd position were given away by **H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak**.

### Government of Pakistan Donates Rs.66 Million to Sri Lankan Government for relief Assistance for Covid-19



On behalf of the Government of Pakistan, the **High Commissioner of Pakistan Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** handed over two cheques amounting to LKR 66 million & LKR 8.027 million to **H.E. Gotabaya Rajapaksa**, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in a ceremony held at Gangaramaya Temple. General **G.D.H. Kamal Gunaratne (Retd)**, Defense Secretary was also present during the ceremony. The amount of LKR 66 million (equal to Pak Rs.52 million) was announced by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, His Excellency Imran Khan during his visit to Sri Lanka in February this year for promotion of sports through training and equipment, whereas the amount of LKR 8.027 million is being donated to the State Pharmaceutical Corporation of Sri Lanka for relief assistance for Covid-19.



### Meeting with the Principal of Batuhena Maha Vidyalaya High School



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak met the Principal of Batuhena Maha Vidyalaya High School & presented sports equipment for the students.

### Stationary & Sports Items Donated to Schools in Weligama District



Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, Acting High Commissioner along with the Press Secretary Ms. Kalsoom Qaiser visited 2 schools in Weligama & donated computer systems, school stationery & sports items for students.

### High Commissioner Visits Walisingha Harechandra Maha Vidyalaya School



H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak visited Walisingha Harechandra Maha Vidyalaya, & donated sports goods to school from Pakistan Government & people.

### High Commissioner Visits Zahira College



H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak visited Zahira College, & donated sports goods.



### Pakistan High Commission Gifts Sports Goods to D.S. Senanayake College



As part of the Government of Pakistan's Sports Diplomacy with the Government of Sri Lanka, the High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Colombo, **Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** visited the D.S. Senanayake College in Colombo.

### Government of Pakistan Donated Food Items



The High Commissioner of Pakistan, H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak and Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Tanvir Ahmad visited Gangaramayan Temple in Colombo and distributed dry ration's for the flood affectees.

### High Commissioner Distributed Food Items in Beruwala and Galle



The High Commissioner of Pakistan, **Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** visited Beruwala and on behalf of the Government of Pakistan distributed food items among the flood affectees of the region in the presence of **Hon. Piya Nishantha De Silva**, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services and also visited Galle and distributed food items among the flood affectees in Galle Region.



## FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES FOR THE FLOOD EFFECTEES OF SRI LANKA



On behalf of the Pakistan Government, flood relief activities continued for the effectees of Sri Lanka brethren through Pakistan High Commission Colombo. **H.E. Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** distributed food items in Mirisawatiya Temple, Anuradhapura.

### Distribution of Food Ration among Flood Effectees in Kilinochchi



On behalf of Pakistan Government, **H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** distributed food ration among flood effectees in Kilinochchi. **Maj. Gen. Harendra Parakrama Ranasinghe**, Security Force HQ, Iranamadu, Kilinochchi was also present.

### Distribution of Essential Food Items, School Bags & Sports Items



**H.E Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** distributed essential food items, school bags & sports items in Arugam Bay in the presence of **Hon. S M M Muszhaaraff**, Member of Sri Lankan Parliament.



# NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

## National Activities



**5th February “Kashmir Solidarity Day”** was observed by the High Commission of Pakistan in Colombo, to express solidarity and reaffirm Pakistan’s unconditional support to the Kashmiris in their struggle for right of self-determination. The ceremony was attended by a good number of Pakistani community, friends of Kashmir, local journalists and diplomats based in Colombo.

## 23rd March 2021, Pakistan Day Reception:







The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka celebrated the 81st National Day of Pakistan with traditional fervor and resolve to make Pakistan a strong, vibrant, progressive, democratic and welfare state. The ceremony was attended by the members of Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka, participants from various walks of life and media representatives.



In connection with the celebrations of 81st National Day, the High Commission of Pakistan, Colombo hosted a reception at Kings Bury Hotel, on March 23, 2021. Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Mahindananda Aluthgama graced the occasion, as chief guest and many other Ministers, Parliamentarians, members of Diplomatic Corps, participants from intelligentsia and all walks of life attended the reception.





# 23RD MARCH NATIONAL DAY OF PAKISTAN (SUPPLEMENTS)

## Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan visit to Sri Lanka (Supplements)





## Tweets:



## Tweets:





## MEDIA OUTREACH:

### High Commissioner Interacts with Sri Lankan Journalists



The High Commissioner, **Major General (Retd) Muhammad Saad Khattak** held an interactive session with Sri Lankan journalists and media representatives.

### Interviews:



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A wide-ranging interview of the High Commissioner H.E. @SaadKhtk published in the Vidivelli Newspaper in Sri Lanka today.

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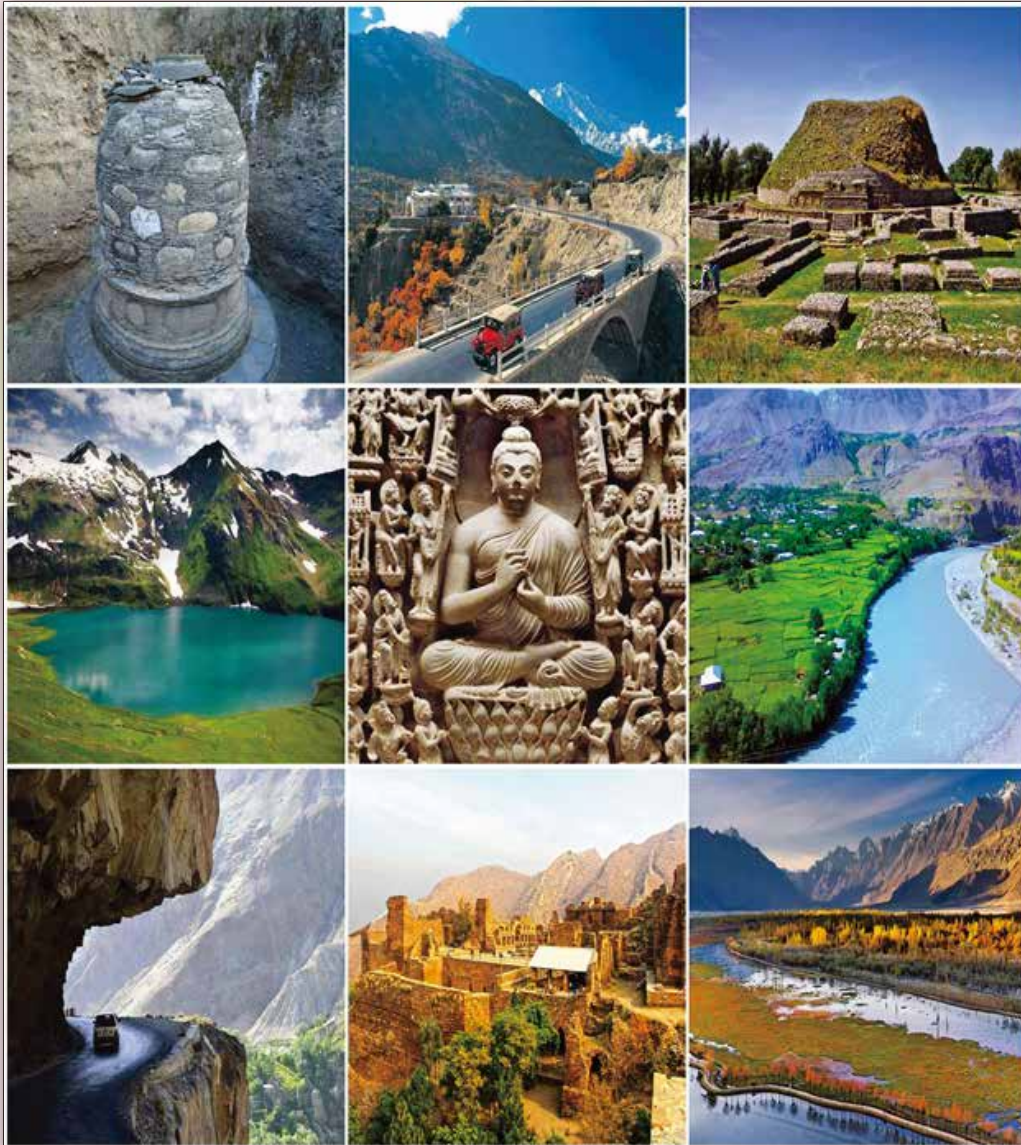
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