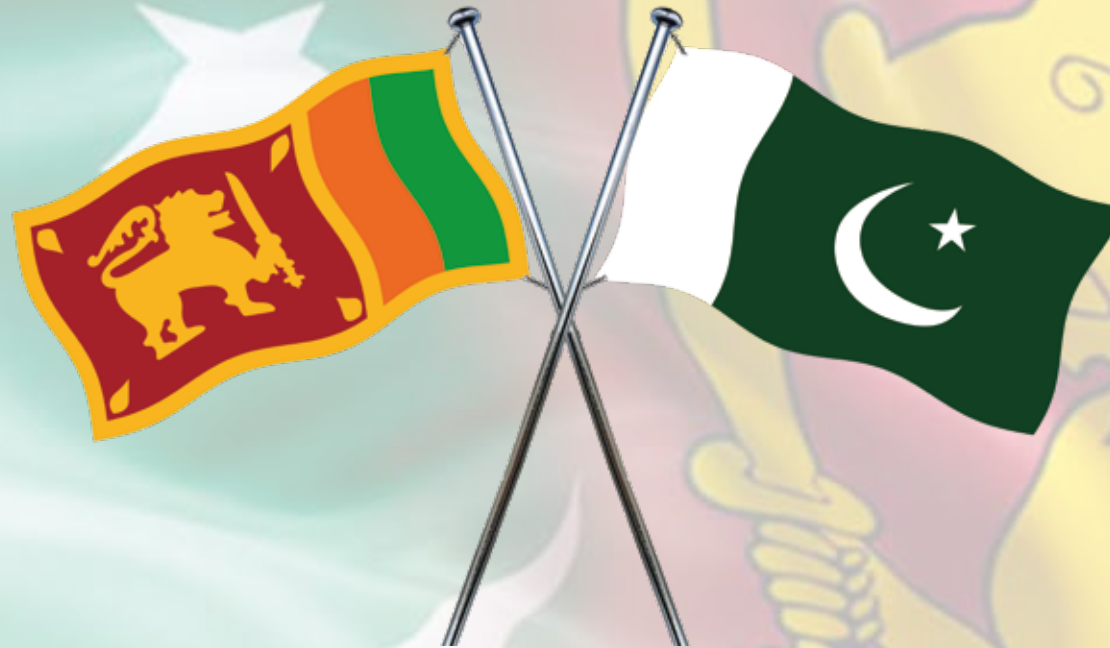


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H.E. Major General (R) Mr. Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) presented his credentials to the Sri Lankan President Hon. Gotabaya Rajapaksa at President House.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid a courtesy call on **Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**. Topics of mutual bilateral interest were discussed during the meeting.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) had a cordial meeting with Hon. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka. Resolve to strengthen Pakistan-Sri Lanka multilateral relations & political, trade, cultural, security, & development cooperation was reiterated. President thanked High Commissioner for Pakistan continuous & unconditional support.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) hosted a formal dinner in honor of the delegation of Pakistan Armed Forces Officers at Navy War College currently on study tour to Sri Lanka.





H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) welcomed the **Armed forces officers from National Defence University Pakistan** who started their 4 day study tour to Sri Lanka with a visit to Pakistan High Commission. During their visit they will call on various Sri Lankan dignitaries.



A condolence reference in memory of **Late Diyawadanage Don Nandasiri Priyantha Kumara** was held at Pakistan High Commission, Colombo. Mrs. Siya Nilushi Dissanayaka thanked the Government of Pakistan for facilitating the payment of compensation, as well as assuring an expeditious trial of the case.



DIPLOMATIC INTERACTIONS:



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid a Courtesy call on H.E. Qi Zhenhong, Chinese Ambassador in Sri Lanka.



H.E. Khaled Nasser AlAmer UAE Ambassador in Sri Lanka called on H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), High Commissioner of Pakistan.

PAKISTAN – SRI LANKA RELATIONS:



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki (HI) M, called on Admiral Jayanath Colombage, Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki (HI) M, called on the Commander of Sri Lankan Navy Vice Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), called on Commander of Sri Lankan Air Force Air Marshal Sudarshana Pathirana.

H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) called on Sri Lankan Defence Secy. Gen. Kamal Gunaratne.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) called on Sri Lankan Chief of Defence Staff General Shavendra Silva.



Pakistan High Commission, Colombo held a ceremony at premises to donate cricket equipment to five schools in Beruwela. **Minister for Youth Affairs Sports, Minister for Development, Coordination Monitoring and State Minister for Digital Technology Enterprise Honorable Namal Rajapaksa** graced the occasion as the Chief Guest



Pakistan High Commission wish good luck to all Sri Lankan officers from various departments selected for undergoing executive training in Pakistan. They were given an orientation at Pakistan High Commission & sent off to Pakistan with warm wishes.



H.E. Major General @ Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) called on Chief Custodian of the Gangaramaya Temple Most Ven. Dr. Kirindey Assaji Thero & Most Ven. Dr. Kondaghgha Thero. H.E. presented portraits of Lord Buddha especially designed with Pakistani Truck Art. The unique gift was highly appreciated.



H.E. Major General @ Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) sponsored Provincial Rugby for the very first time in the history of Sri Lanka Rugby. The agreement between Pakistan & SriLankan Rugby was signed. This is another step towards promoting friendship among Pak-SL youth.



H.E Major Genetal @ Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) chaired the 305th session of Colombo Plan Council during which the presidency was handed over to Pakistan High Commission for the year 2022.

DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:



The High Commissioner of Pakistan H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) graced as Chief Guest a simple yet meaningful ceremony arranged by Mr. Jawfer, President of Chamber of Tourism & Industries, Arugam Bay in order to acknowledge and reiterate resolve of Government of Pakistan and its people towards uplifting the women of society.



"Honorary Gift of Eternal Friendship" Opening of the Library donated by the Government of Pakistan to Sri Lanka. Pakistan and Sri Lanka are two long standing allies sharing a long and glorious history. Pakistan is one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka since independence. Sri Lanka's First Street Library gifted to the people of Sri Lanka by the people of Pakistan to further enhance the timeless friendship between our two countries was inaugurated today. Books in all three languages will be available at the library-Sinhala, Tamil and English.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) distributed sewing machines among poor widows & single mothers from different parts of Sri Lanka, as part of fulfilling the resolve of Government of Pakistan to empower the women, under the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nation.



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H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) & Pakistan Hon. CG Mr. Afzal Marikar participated in a ceremony at Kongahamulla Kipalaramaya temple, Matale for donating computers for school & setting up IT lab for village students & sewing machines to set up training Center to empower women



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) inaugurated IT Center in Zahira Boys College. H.E also distributed sports goods & ration packs. Principal Mr. Kaleelur Rahman, Members of Katugasthota Jumma Masjid Board of Trustees & others also attended the event.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) inaugurated Computer Center for Katukelle youth society & sewing training centre for women. H.E also visited harmony Center & distributed ration among deserving families at Katukelle Jumma Masjid Community Facility.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) donated school & sports equipment to 02 schools in Weligama on behalf of Pakistan Government as part of strengthening people to people contact between Pakistan-Sri Lanka

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H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) attended scholarship awarding ceremony as Chief Guest for 50 children from deserving families. H.E also distributed ration bags at the ceremony. The event was organized by the Abrar Foundation, Beruwela.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) in coordination with the Most Ven. Dr. Kirinde Assaji Thero donated ration bags to deserving people in a simple ceremony held at the Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo



The High Commission of Pakistan in collaboration with the Trincomalee District Badminton Association organized a Badminton Tournament at Mc Heyzer Stadium Trincomalee. Hon. Anuradha Yahampath, Governor of the Eastern Province attended the Prize Distribution Ceremony as Chief Guest and distributed prizes to winner and runner ups of the tournament

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

5th February 2022, Kashmir Solidarity Day:



A Seminar and Photo Exhibition was held in the Pakistan High Commission, Colombo to mark “Kashmir Solidarity Day”. The day reaffirms Pakistan’s unconditional support to the Kashmiris in their struggle for right of self-determination.

23RD MARCH 2022, PAKISTAN DAY FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY:



The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka celebrated the 82nd 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.

23RD MARCH 2022, PAKISTAN DAY RECEPTION:



In connection with the celebrations of 82nd National Day, the High Commission of Pakistan, Colombo hosted a reception at Hotel, on March 29, 2021. Honorable Dr. Bandula Gunawardena, Minister of Trade 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.

ALLAMA IQBAL SCHOLARSHIPS TEST:



Higher Education Commission of Pakistan team efficiently conducted the selection tests for Allama Iqbal Scholarships for Sri Lankan students smoothly at Batticaloa, Kandy, Kurunegala and Colombo.

PAKISTAN FOOD FESTIVAL



Mutton Pulao

Chicken Biryani



Gulab Jamun



Salad & Chatni



Press Wing, Pakistan High Commission Colombo arranged the "Pakistan Food Festival" held at The Radh Hotel, Kandy

23rd March, 2022, Pakistan Day Supplements:

