



# High Commission of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Colombo

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## PAKISTAN – SRI LANKA RELATIONS



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Sri Lankan Commander of the Army, Lieutenant General HLVM Liyanage RWP-RSP-NDU.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka and Trade & Investment Attaché, Ms. Asmma Kamal attended an interactive session organized by the Sri Lanka - Pakistan Business Council under the auspices of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce in Colombo.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid a courtesy call on the newly appointed Foreign Minister Ali Sabry, MoFA Sri Lanka. Topics of mutual bilateral interest were discussed in detail during the meeting.





Pakistan Navy ship "Taimur" on its way from China to Pakistan docked at Port of Colombo. A traditional welcome was extended by Sri Lankan Navy as per the naval customs. Ship was received at Port of Colombo by Officers of Pakistan High Commission & Sri Lankan Navy officials.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) held a courtesy meeting with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Hon. Danesh Gunawardena at PM office Sri Lanka. H.E congratulated the Hon. PM on taking over premiership. Hon. PM expressed his gratitude to Pakistan for its consistent support.



The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Honourable Dinesh Gunawardena conveyed heartfelt condolences over the loss of precious lives and destruction of valuable property during the recent floods in Pakistan. The High Commissioner thanked the Sri Lankan Prime Minister for the call and said that his words of comfort and support mean a lot to the people of Pakistan at this difficult time.





The Government of Sri Lanka donated a consignment of Ceylon Tea for the flood victims of Pakistan following devastating flash floods. The Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry while handing over the consignment to the High Commissioner of Pakistan, expressed sympathies with the families of victims, those injured and affected by the floods. He also conveyed the support and solidarity of the Government and people of Sri Lanka with Pakistan.



The CCL Pharmaceuticals Pakistan handed over to the Ministry of Health - Sri Lanka (MoH) a generous donation of lifesaving medicine that will help kidney transplant patients to prevent organ failure. The donation was facilitated by the High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Pakistani National Archery players paid a courtesy call on H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M). H.E. wished them good luck for Singapore Archery Open 2022. H.E. appreciated Colombo Archery Centre for hosting them for a short training





On behalf of the Government of Pakistan H.E. Maj. Gen. (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), donated essential food items for deserving disabled people from Eastern Province through Al-Subaitha Welfare Organization.



High Commissioner of Pakistan, along with Trade and Investment Attaché, attended the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka -Pakistan Business Council under the aegis of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. The council re-elected Mr. S. Deivanayagam as President for the term 2022/23.



The High Commissioner of Pakistan, along with Trade and Investment Attaché, called on Hon. Nalin Fernando, Minister of Trade, Commerce & Food Security today. Secretary to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce & Food Security and senior officials of Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka were also present at the occasion.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid a courtesy call on the Most Ven. Kirinde Assaji Thero, Gangaramaya Temple. Discussion on topics of mutual bilateral interest took place during the meeting including historical footprint of Gandhara Civilization in Pakistan.







Third Round of Pakistan-Sri Lanka Armed Forces Defence Dialogue (AFDD) was held in Expo Centre Karachi from 16-17 November 2022. Pakistan delegation was led by Lt. Gen. (Retd) Hamood uz Zaman Khan, Secretary Defence. Sri Lankan delegation was headed by Gen. (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne, Secretary Defence.

## Diplomatic Outreach Activities



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) distributed prizes among the winners and runner-up teams who participated in the first out of total rugby tournament at Galle. Four districts were chosen & sponsored by Pakistan High Commission in order to promote sports among the Sri Lankan youth as part of Pakistan public diplomacy outreach program.







H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) inaugurated Women Entrepreneurship Development Center at Hambantota Chamber of Commerce. The center is a gift from Government of Pakistan for uplifting the women entrepreneurs of Hambantota district as part of Pakistan public diplomacy outreach program.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) presented a token of thanks on behalf of Pakistan COAS to Ms. Yehali Tashiya for her participation in Sinf-e-Ahan & inspiring young ladies from Pakistan & Sri Lanka



H.E. Major General (R) Farooq Burki HI (M) visited Kuchchaveli. Kuchchaveli area has been greatly affected by the Tsunami disaster and then the sever impact of Covid-19. The drinking water problem is considered to be among the huge ones in this area. A public well, constructed with the support of Government of Pakistan as part of public outreach program was also inaugurated in Jaya Nagar, Kuchchaveli.





H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) distributed sewing machines in Puttalam as part of outreach program of Government of Pakistan to strengthen bilateral relations Pakistan and Sri Lanka.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) distributed computers in Puttalam schools as part of outreach program of Government of Pakistan to strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan and Sri Lanka & to help young students excel in their studies.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid courtesy call on Most Venerable Pallegama Hemarathana Thero, Sri Maha Bodhi Temple, Most Venerable Chief Incumbent Kallanchiye Rathanasiri Thero, Abhayagiriya Temple & Most Venerable Chief Incumbent Etalewatunawewe Gnathilake, Mirisavetiya Stupa, Anuradhpura.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) paid courtesy call on Most Ven. Chief Incumbent Dr. W. Dhammarathana Thera, Rajamaha Viharaya, Mihintale.





H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) distributed computers among schools & sewing machines among deserving ladies of Mannar in line with the Government of Pakistan policy of strengthening people-to-people relations between Pakistan-Sri Lanka



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki (HI) M inaugurated fifteen community water wells in Mannar during his visit of Northern Province in Sri Lanka. This drinking water well project is first of its kind initiated by Pakistan High Commission, Sri Lanka, on behalf of the Government of Pakistan.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki (HI) M paid courtesy call on Commander Kilinochichi and area Commander 54 Army Headquarter. The Sri Lankan Army Commanders along with their senior officers warmly welcomed the High Commissioner to their respective offices.





Pakistan High Commission sponsored a series of Rugby matches. The second tournament of the series was held in Kandy. Mr. Wajid Hassan Hashmi, Deputy High Commissioner was the Chief Guest at Central Province Inter Schools under 12 & under 14 Rugby Tournament.



The Pakistan High Commission Colombo on behalf of the Government of Pakistan sponsored the rugby tournaments on district level especially during the times when those districts were facing hardships in supporting their brilliant players.



## NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### 14th August 2022, Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony



The High Commission of Pakistan and the Pakistani community in Sri Lanka celebrated “The Diamond Jubilee” of independence of Pakistan with traditional fervor and resolve to make Pakistan a strong, dynamic, progressive, tolerant and democratic Islamic welfare state. The High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Sri Lanka, Major General (Retd) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) hoisted the national flag of Pakistan to the tune of the national anthem in a vibrant and colorful ceremony at the Pakistan High Commission in Colombo.



## 14th August 2022, Reception at Ship



Reception for Diamond Jubilee of Pakistan Independence was hosted aboard PNS Taimur at Colombo Port, on its maiden voyage to Pakistan from China. Chief of Staff Sri Lankan Navy was Chief Guest of event which was attended by Sri Lankan dignitaries, Navy Officers, Diplomats & DAs of friendly countries. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) & Captain PNS Taimur welcomed honorable guests.

## 5th August 2022, Youm-e-Istehsal Kashmir



The Pakistan High Commission observed "Youm-e-Istehsal" to mark Indian Illegal and unilateral actions of 5th August 2019 in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) on 5th August, 2022.



## 27TH OCTOBER 2022, KASHMIR BLACK DAY



The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Colombo organized a seminar/photo exhibition to mark the 'Kashmir Black Day'. The event was attended by people from different walks of life including opinion makers, professional, journalists, writers, friends of Kashmir as well as the Pakistani community. Documentaries and photos depicting atrocities committed by the Indian forces in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu Kashmir were also shown to the participants.



## PRESTIGIOUS JINNAH SCHOLARSHIPS



A special ceremony to award Jinnah Scholarships was organized by the Pakistan High Commission, at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) Colombo to award bright and deserving A-Level students of Sri Lanka. The ceremony was held in continuation of 76th Independence Day of Pakistan, celebrated on 14th August.



## ALLAMA IQBAL SCHOLARHIPS AWARDED 2022



Allama Iqbal Scholarships for the session 2022 were awarded to Sri Lankan students in a graceful ceremony jointly held at BMICH by the High Commission of Pakistan and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.



## Flood Activities



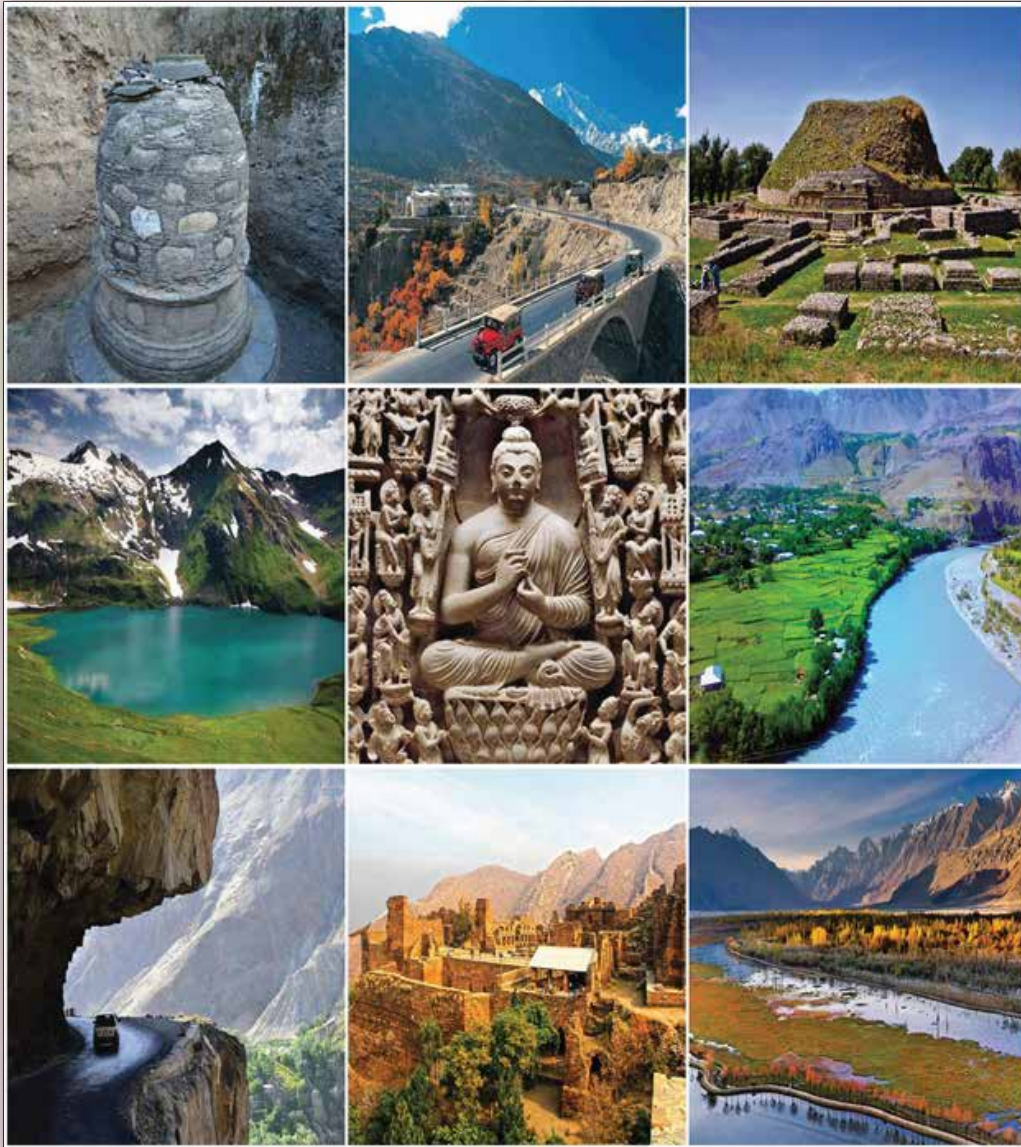
The High Commission of Pakistan organized an event to highlight the devastations caused by the recent floods and to show solidarity with the flood affectees in Pakistan. Members of Sri Lankan business community, Pakistani community and friends of Pakistan attended the event at the Pakistan High Commission.

## 14th August, 2022, Independence Day Supplements







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