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# **NEWS LETTER**

**SPECIAL EDITION : 75 YEARS OF PAKISTAN - SRI LANKA FRIENDSHIP**  
**JANUARY – JUNE 2023**



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# **PAKISTAN – SRI LANKA RELATIONS**







High Commissioner of Pakistan, Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), alongwith Ms. Asmma Kamal, Trade & Investment Attache, held a meeting with the newly elected President of FCCISL, Mr. Keerthi Gunawardane and Board of Directors.



Mr. S. Deivanayagam, President of Sri Lanka Pakistan Business Council of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce alongwith his committee members, called on H.E. Maj. Gen (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), the High Commissioner of Pakistan in Sri Lanka.







The High Commission of Pakistan in Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan under the Pakistan Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Program, facilitated a two-week executive training of high-ranking Sri Lankan bureaucrats in Pakistan, February-2023.







A delegation of Lahore Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry led by the President Ms. Sahar Malik called on the High Commissioner at the High Commission in Colombo. The delegation of women entrepreneurs from Pakistan is visiting Sri Lanka to explore business opportunities.



H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) held a meeting with the Higher Education Commission Pakistan delegation visiting Sri Lanka along with representatives of top ranking Pakistani universities for EDEX EXPO - 2023 in Colombo & Kandy.





Ms. Renuka Ekanayake,  
Director, SAARC Cultural  
Centre called on H.E  
Major General (R) Umar  
Farooq Burki HI (M) High  
Commissioner of Pakistan  
to Sri Lanka on 9th May  
2023.







## EVENT TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH TURKIYE



**PAKISTAN HIGH COMMISSION COLOMBO  
EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH OUR BROTHERS  
& SISTERS IN TURKIYE**



Our hearts go out to the brotherly people of Turkiye  
over the huge loss of  
lives & property in the recent earthquake.  
We stand shoulder to shoulder  
with the victims  
of this  
unparalleled devastation.



Pakistan High Commission, Colombo held an event on 15 February 2023 to observe solidarity with the brothers and sisters of Türkiye in wake of the devastating earthquakes which jolted southern part of our friendly country.

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# **WELFARE ACTIVITIES**





The Pakistan High Commission, in collaboration with the All-Ceylon Muslim Women's Association, successfully organized an event for donating sewing machines and computer units to the Fathima Welfare Centre for Orphans and Hostel for Girls.





H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) presented cricket kits for the students of Rohana College, Ahangama, in line with the celebrations of completion of 75 years of diplomatic ties between Pakistan and Sri Lanka. H.E was warmly welcomed and also played a friendly match with the young cricket fans.





H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) held a cordial meeting with the most Venerable Dr. Kirinde Assaji Thero of Gangaramaya Temple. After the meeting, the High Commissioner donated ration bags for the deserving people through the Venerable monk.





H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), handed over ration bags to the delegation of Mardana Small Masjid/Sri Lanka Welfare Relief Association for onward distribution to deserving people.



H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), handed over ration bags to the delegation of Muhammadh Jummah Masjidh Welfare Relief Association for onward distribution to deserving people.







H.E. Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M), handed over ration and school bags to the representatives from Lanka Muslim Funeral Service Society, Al-Ishara Foundation and Fatima Welfare Centre for onward distribution to deserving people.



# JINNAH SCHOLARSHIP



Pakistan High Commission, Colombo organized the Jinnah Scholarship ceremony to award scholarships to bright and deserving A-Level students of Sri Lanka. These scholarships have been awarded by the Government of Pakistan to Sri Lankan students of A Level since 2006. So far, more than 2400 Sri Lankan students have benefitted from this program, named after Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the revered founding father of Pakistan.



# ALLAMA IQBAL SCHOLARSHIP TESTS



Higher Education Commission, Pakistan successfully conducted selection tests for Allama Iqbal Scholarship program from 29th May to 4th June 2023 all over the Island. The test centers were set in Puttalam, Batticaloa, Kandy, Mattara and Colombo. Students from all over the Island participated in the test. It is encouraging to see that students from various ethnic groups and social status participated in the tests.

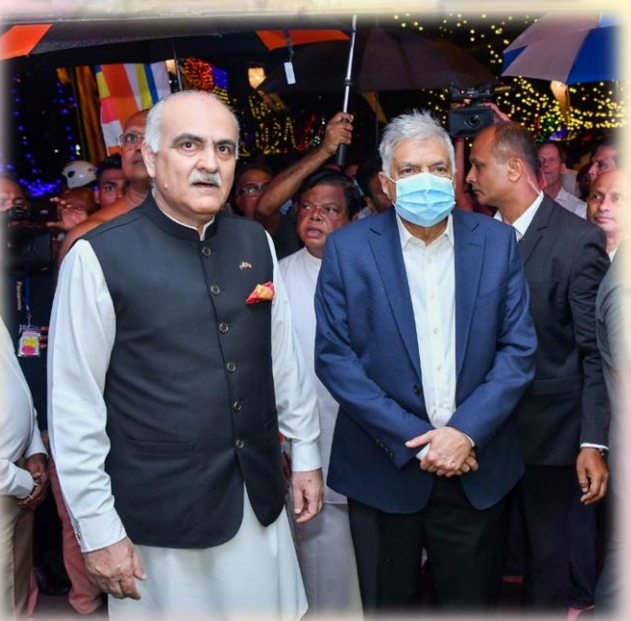
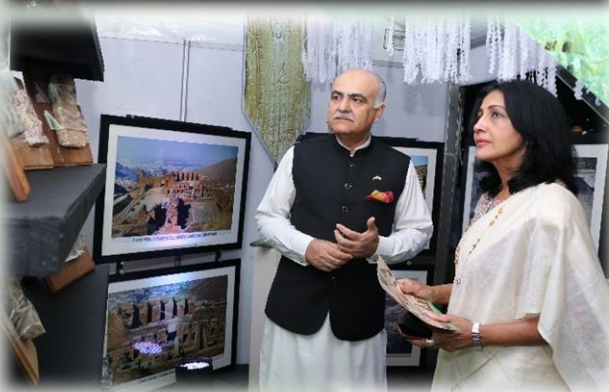
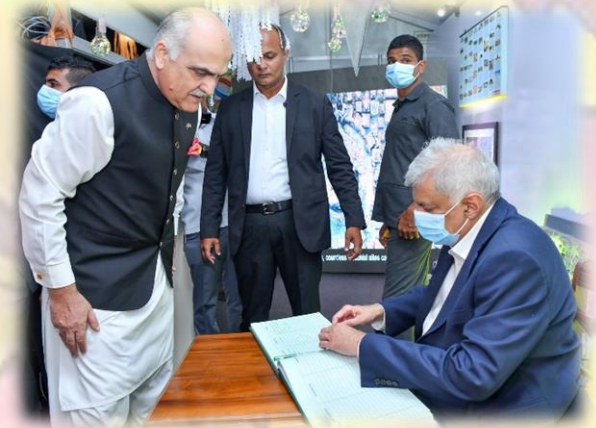


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# **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**



# VESAK FESTIVAL



Pakistan High Commission, Colombo set up “**Pakistan Pavilion**” as part of the National celebrations of “Buddha Rashmi” Vesak Festival, 2023. The soft inaugural of the festival was done by the President of Sri Lanka on 3rd May 2023.



# KINNOW FESTIVAL



The High Commission of Pakistan, in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), and Press Wing organized a promotional event for Pakistani Kinnows (Mandarins), at the BMICH in Colombo.





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# **HIGH PROFILE VISITS FROM PAKISTAN**



# MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN VISITED SRI LANKA



At the invitation of the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar visited Sri Lanka on (3-4 February 2023) to attend the 75th Independence Day celebrations of Sri Lanka. She was received by Sri Lankan State Minister for Tourism Ms. Diana Gamage, H.E Major General (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) & senior officials of the High Commission of Pakistan.



# JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE (CJCSC) PAKISTAN VISITED SRI LANKA



General Sahir Shamshad  
Mirza, NI (M), the Chairman  
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Committee (CJCSC)  
Pakistan, his successful  
official visit to Sri Lanka  
from 9-13 February 2023.





# CHIEFS OF NAVAL STAFF OF PAKISTAN NAVY VISITED SRI LANKA



The Chief of Naval Staff of Pakistan Navy, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, his successful official visit to Sri Lanka from 25-28 February 2023.





The logo is circular with a green and red border. Inside, it features the Pakistani flag on the left and the Sri Lankan flag on the right. In the center, there is a stylized '75' with a star, and the word 'Dubb' in Urdu script. The text 'PAKISTAN - SRI LANKA FRIENDSHIP' is at the top, and 'High Commission of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Colombo' is at the bottom, with the website 'www.pakistanhc.lk' below it.

# **NATIONAL EVENTS**



## 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 – KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY



The Pakistan High Commission, Colombo commemorated “**Kashmir Solidarity Day**”. The day reaffirms Pakistan’s unconditional support to the Kashmiris in their struggle for right of self-determination. The ceremony was attended by a large number of Pakistani community, friends of Kashmir and local journalists.



## 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023 - FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY



The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Pakistani community based in Sri Lanka celebrated the 84th National Day of Pakistan to make Pakistan a strong and progressive state.



The High Commissioner of Pakistan Major General (Retd) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M) hoisted the national flag of Pakistan to the time of national anthem in a colourful ceremony, held at the Pakistan High Commission.





## 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023 – NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION



The High Commission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan hosted a National Day Reception which was attended by a large numbers participants including Sri Lankan political leadership, Diplomatic Corps, Senior Defense Officials, Government Representative, Prominent Business personalities and Pakistani Diaspora.





## RECEPTION AT SHAHJAHAN SHIP



Pakistan Navy Ship “SHAHJAHAN” paid a goodwill visit (02-04 June 2023) at Colombo Port. 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 “SHAHJAHAN” welcomed honorable guests.



## RECEPTION AT TIPPU SULTAN SHIP



Pakistan Navy Ship “TIPPU SULTAN” paid a goodwill visit to Colombo on a 3 days goodwill visit upon its maiden voyage from China to Pakistan. Colorful dinner reception was held aboard TIPPU SULTAN displaying traditional Pakistani hospitality, hosted at Colombo Dockyard.



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# **PUBLIC OUTREACH**





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Wishing my Sri Lankan friends a blessed & happy new year. May the year 2023 bring peace & prosperity for our peoples & may Pakistan-Sri Lanka fraternal relations further flourish in the times ahead.



”

High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka,  
Maj Gen (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M)

*Happy New Year!*

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Our heartiest felicitations to our Sri Lankan brother and sister on this joyous occasion of their 75th Independence Day. Pakistan and Sri Lanka have always enjoyed close diplomatic ties and this independence day also marks diamond jubilee of our cordial bilateral diplomatic relations. We congratulate Sri Lankan leadership and public on this historical milestone. I also warmly wish for our friendly neighbour prosperity and blessings in the years to come.

H.E. Maj Gen (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M)  
Pakistan High Commissioner to Sri Lanka

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Message by  
Pakistan High Commissioner to Sri Lanka  
**MAJ GEN (R) UMAR FAROOQ BURKI HI (M)**

on  
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PAKISTAN**



It is with great pleasure that, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Pakistan, I am conveying a message of peace, harmony & best wishes to all Sri Lankans from the people & Government of Pakistan. 2023 marks 75 years of Pakistan Sri Lanka friendship filled with mutually beneficial & multi-dimensional relations, rooted in history.

Long Live Pakistan ☐  
Long Live Pak Sri Lanka Friendship



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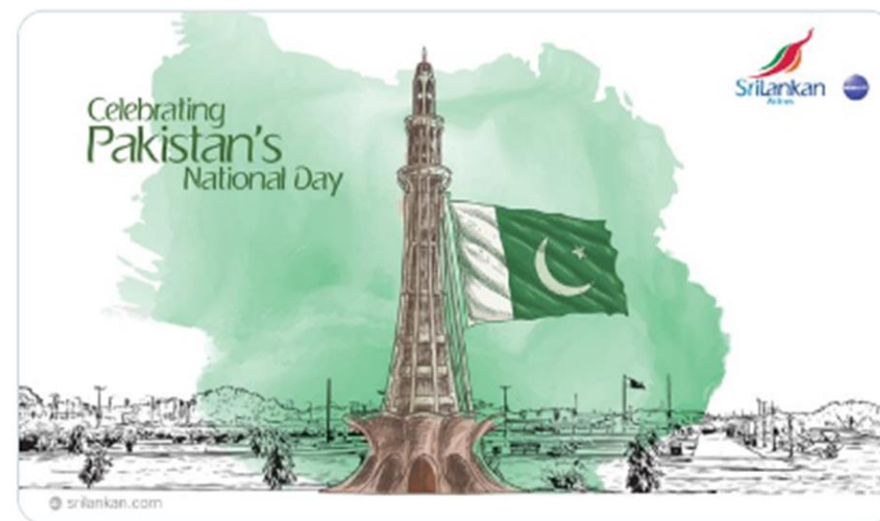


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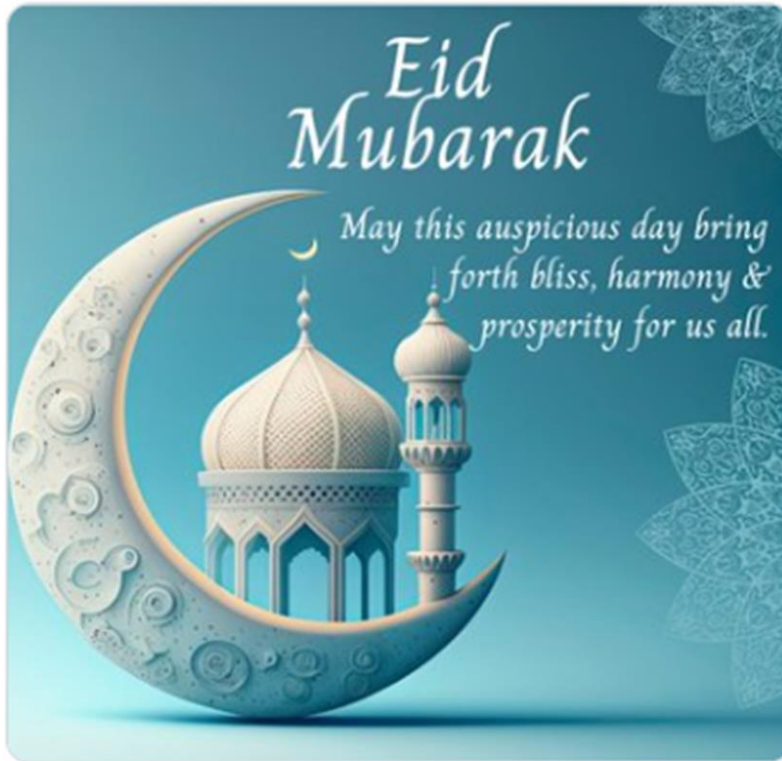




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We @PakinSriLanka wish a happy #EidAlFitr2023 to all celebrating in  
Srilanka 🇱🇰 & everywhere in the world.

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Wishing all Sri Lankan Muslims a happy & blessed

*Eid Ul-Azha*

May Allah Almighty accept our prayers & sacrifices, &  
reward us with peace, prosperity, & harmony.

Ameen

PAKISTAN'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SRI LANKA

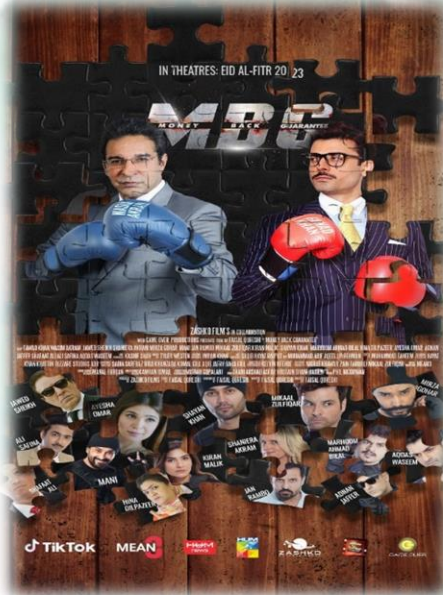
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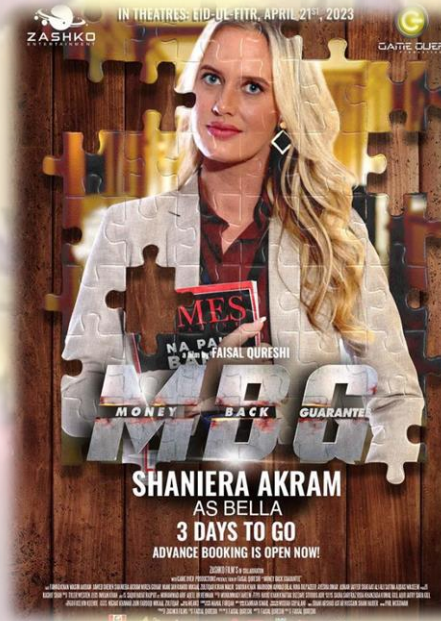
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Press Wing, Pakistan High Commission Colombo, arranged the premiere of Pakistani movie MBG (Money Back Guarantee) on Eid Ul Fitr 2023 in Sri Lanka.







# International Women's Day

## — Embrace Equity —

8 March 2023



On this International Women's Day, we acknowledge the achievements of women as a mother, sister, daughter and as a professional.

I take this moment to send my warmest wishes to all the amazing women out there. You are the backbone of our society, and your contributions are invaluable.

I am proud to live in a world where women are leading in different fields, breaking stereotypes, and shattering glass ceilings.

On this Women's Day, let us all pledge to continue to fight for gender equality, to empower women, and to create a world where every woman has the freedom to pursue her dreams.

To all the women watching this, I want you to know that you are appreciated, valued, and respected.



Maj Gen (R) Umar Farooq Burki HI (M)



Pakistan High Commission, Colombo



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# 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023 – NATIONAL DAY SUPPLEMENTS



## Message by the High Commissioner on the occasion of National Day of Pakistan 23rd March 2023

It is with great pleasure that, on the momentous occasion of the National Day of Pakistan, I am conveying a message of peace, harmony and good wishes to all Sri Lankans from the High Commissioner of Pakistan in Colombo.

On 23rd March 1947 is the most significant day in the history of Pakistan. On this day, the Muslims of South Asia breathed their courage, for achieving an independent homeland Pakistan.

Since then, independent Pakistan has steadily progressed. The Government of Pakistan, through its dedicated and diligent efforts, has successfully pursued the country's journey to peace and prosperity through its economic, social and cultural development agenda. Sri Lanka is one of the few countries with which Pakistan enjoys friendly and warm relations. This history of friendship has nurtured a strong bond between the two nations, which has been further strengthened over the years.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that mutually beneficial relations, rooted in history, have become a reality, contributing to the economic, social and cultural development of both nations.

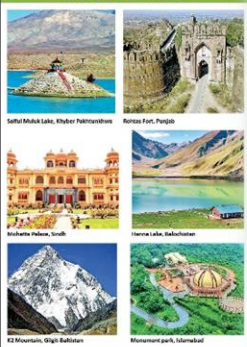
I would like to express my appreciation to the Pakistani people for their warm hospitality and for the friendly relations that have been established between the two nations.

On this National Day, I would like to convey my warm wishes to the Pakistani people for their continued progress and prosperity. I am confident that the friendly relations between the two nations will continue to flourish and contribute to the peace and stability of the region.

Long Live Pakistan! Sri Lanka Prosperity!



## Places to visit while in Pakistan



## 75 years of Pakistan - Sri Lanka Friendship — An Overview

The year 2023 marks 75 years of the establishment of Pakistan and Sri Lanka's friendship. This year is a landmark year for both nations, as it marks the 75th anniversary of the birth of Pakistan and the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Sri Lanka's independence.

The relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka has been a journey of mutual respect, cooperation, and friendship. Since the establishment of Pakistan, the two nations have maintained a strong bond, rooted in shared values and common interests.

The relationship between the two nations has been characterized by mutual respect, cooperation, and friendship. The two nations have worked together to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the region.

The relationship between the two nations has been a source of pride for both nations. It has been a testament to the power of friendship and the importance of maintaining good relations between nations.

The relationship between the two nations has been a model for other nations to follow. It has shown that through mutual respect and cooperation, nations can achieve peace and prosperity.

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## Activities undertaken for Strengthening People to People Relations between Pakistan & Sri Lanka in 2022

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- **Scholarships:** The High Commission has provided scholarships for Sri Lankan students to study in Pakistan.
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on 23<sup>rd</sup> March

*A dream worth believing in*

Transferring the goals of the Pakistanis to the dreaming minds of the Sri Lankans, Pakistan is a land of dreams and a land of diversity. Today, as the Pakistani people celebrate their National Day, we celebrate the spirit of the Pakistani people, who have achieved a great feat in the history of the world.

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**Building Bridges of Progress and Prosperity**

On this momentous occasion, we join our Pakistani brethren in celebrating the spirit of independence, resilience, and progress that defines this great nation.

As a bank that operates in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, we are honored to play a role in fostering the strong ties between the two nations. We believe in a future where the bond between the two nations is a source of pride and a testament to the power of friendship.

Happy Pakistan National Day to all

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**Famous Buddhist Sites in Pakistan**

**Taxila - Gandhara**

Taxila is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in the Punjab province of Pakistan. It was a major center of Buddhist art and culture in the ancient world. The site is famous for its numerous stupas, monasteries, and other religious structures.

**Swat Valley (Gandhara)**

Swat Valley is a region in the northwestern part of Pakistan. It is famous for its Buddhist sites, including the Swat Valley Museum and the Swat Valley National Park. The region is also known for its beautiful scenery and its rich cultural heritage.

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On this momentous occasion, we join our Pakistani brethren in celebrating the spirit of independence, resilience, and progress that defines this great nation.

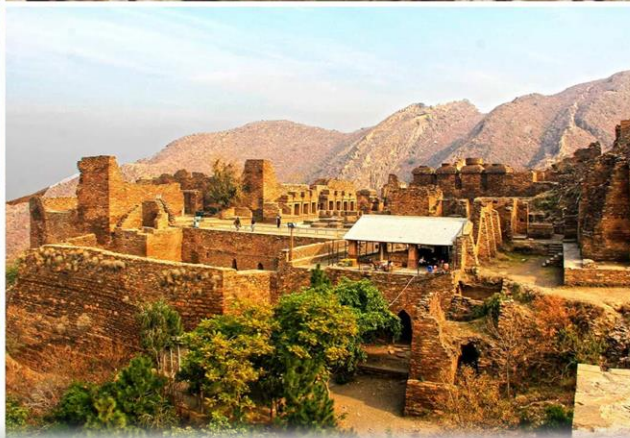
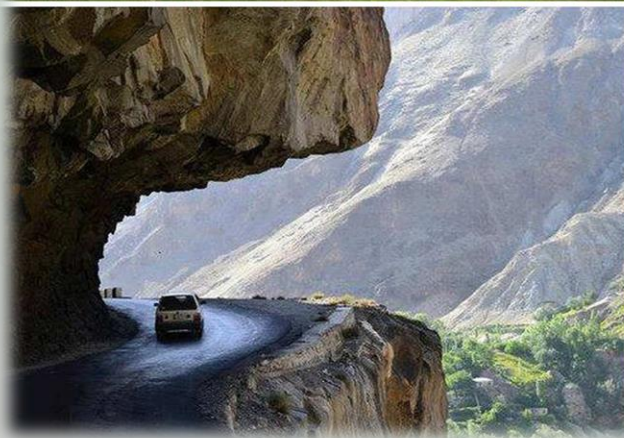
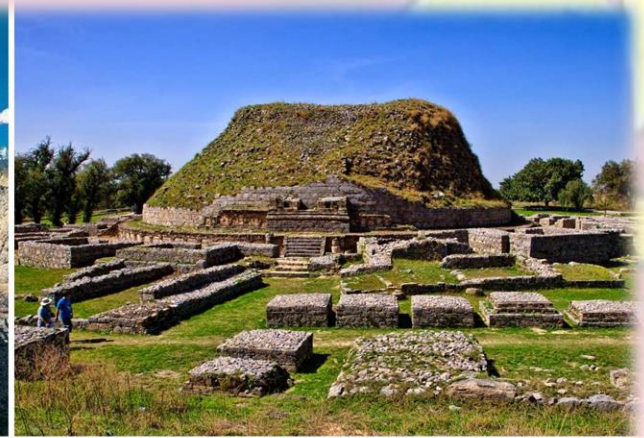
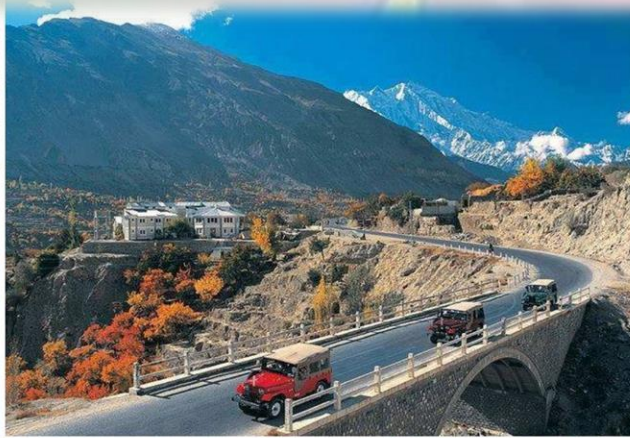
As a bank that operates in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, we are honored to play a role in fostering the strong ties between the two nations. We believe in a future where the bond between the two nations is a source of pride and a testament to the power of friendship.

Happy Pakistan National Day to all

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