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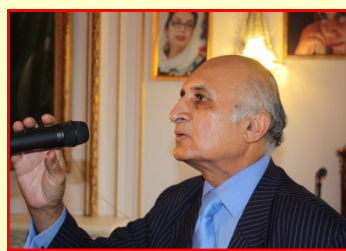
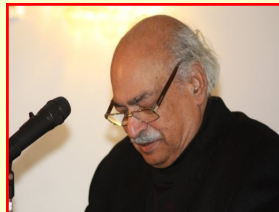
URDU MUSHAIRA IN PAK HIGH COMMISSION

An Urdu Mushaira (Urdu poetry recitation) was held by Pakistani Professionals' Forum (PPF) on Sunday 18 October 2009 at the Pakistan High Commission, London under the Chairmanship of Dr Mian Farrukh Hussain, a Consultant Psychiatrist and Chairman of PPF. Pakistan High Commissioner His Excellency Wajid Shamsul Hasan, one of the Patrons of PPF, and Lord Sheikh were the guests of honor at the function who addressed the Mushaira audience. A large number of famous and popular Urdu and Punjabi poets recited their poems in front of a very discerning and appreciative audience.

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Following photographs show highlights of the Mushaira.





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EID CELEBRATIONS 2009

Pakistani Professionals' Forum and Progressive Muslim Forum held a joint Musical evening to celebrate Eid at a Kensington restaurant in London on Sunday 13 December 2009. Baroness Kishwer Falkner of Margravine and Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP (Attorney General and current Cabinet Minister) were the guests of honor who addressed the gathering.

A large number of artists and singers entertained the guests with their musical and vocal talents till late into the evening. Following photographs show the highlights of the event.





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SPEECH BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Following is text of the speech by the Pakistan High Commissioner to the Pakistani Professionals' Forum on 17 October 2008.

Chairman Pakistani Professionals' Forum, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all in the Pakistan High Commission today for this dinner, musical evening and Eid Milan, organized by the Pakistani Professionals' Forum.

I also welcome Ms Kausar Habib and other artists who will be giving performance today.

It goes without saying that one million British of Pakistani origin have made great contribution in promoting health, education and other services in Pakistan. The professionals have a great role to their credit. They have not only contributed by taking part in charity and voluntary works but also by providing services and guidance to the community members.

Moreover, the Pakistani Diaspora has also played an active role in promoting friendship between Pakistan and the U.K. The two countries greatly value the role they play. This was underlined in the joint statement issued after the meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Gordon Brown last month.

I will request you to contribute, in whatever way you can, especially to the promotion of education and health facilities in Pakistan. You can help in setting up schools and hospitals in the less developed rural areas, such as Baluchistan and the tribal area. This will go a long way in developing our country and helping in bringing peace and prosperity in our country.

Pakistan has been through difficult phases in its history. We are faced with several challenges even today. One of the major challenges faced by our country and the new Government is the scourge of extremism and terrorism. The government is devising comprehensive policy and I am confident that it will soon be able to uproot these evils from our soil.

Pakistanis have proved to be a resilient nation. They have always risen to the occasion. Even in recent times when all seemed lost they have shown steered determination to salvage the country and grapple the challenges confronting it – both internally and externally.

The credible elections held in Pakistan this year is a manifestation of the fact that the only system acceptable to the people is democracy. A fully functional democratically elected parliament is in place. We have a Prime Minister unanimously elected by the National Assembly and a President elected with an overwhelming majority of the President's Electoral College.

The ruling party is trying to take all political parties on board while making decisions in the best national interests. It is promoting healthy, democratic and positive political activities across the country.

I wish to assure you that the Pakistan High Commission will always extend all possible support to anyone working for the betterment and uplift of the people of Pakistan and for humanitarian purposes.

I thank you once again, ladies and gentlemen, for attending this event in the High Commission. Enjoy your evening.

