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EID MILAN & MUSIC PARTY – OCTOBER 2010

On 3rd October, 2010 an Eid Milan party was organised by the PPF to mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Famous singers and musicians, lead by a popular singer Ms Kausar Habib, entertained the guests. Refreshments and food were served to all the guests. The Eid Milan event, which was held at the Pakistan High Commission in London, was also utilised to collect donations for the victims of recent floods in Pakistan.

Following photographs show the highlights of the Eid Milan party and the musical event.

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NEW YEAR's GREETINGS

The PPF Chairman, General Secretary and the Executive Committee wish all the members a prosperous and a very happy New Year 2011.



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RECONCILIATION & FORGIVENESS SEMINAR

On 12th October 2010 Pakistani Professional's Forum (PPF) held a seminar in the House of Lords in partnership with the Conservative Muslim Forum (CMF) whose chairman is Lord Sheikh. The event was about the very tragic story of Manal Timraz, a very brave Palestinian lady, who has now become a peace activist and Barbara Payman, a Jewish lady, who is working with Manal to promote peace in their region.

There are numerous tragic stories about the sufferings of the Palestinian people. But perhaps there is no story as tragic and as heart wrenching as that of Manal, the Palestinian lady. She lost her elders, her children and her husband when the Israeli forces bombed Gaza mercilessly in 2009. She survived because she was not at home. Any other person in her position would have been to say the least very bitter but to her credit instead she joined hands with Barbara Payman, the Jewish lady to work and campaign for justice for the Palestinians and thus for peace in their region.

The two women, who are known to the PPF Chairman, Dr Mian Farukh Hussain, were invited by him to speak about the tragic story and their work for peace. The venue was full with people of all faiths. The theme of the talk was forgiveness, reconciliation, justice and commonality between the Abrahamic religions. Both ladies are a great inspiration for all of us as theirs' is a very unlikely partnership, one Jew and the other Palestinian, working for the rights of Palestinians and peace.

Lord Sheikh and Dr Hussain also spoke on the subject of forgiveness and reconciliation. They praised both the ladies for their non-violent, reconciliatory and forgiving approach to the very tragic dispute, which has cost thousands of lives, mostly Palestinian, over a period of some 60 years.

There was also a very useful and interesting discussion by the audience. The program was very well attended and it was reported in glowing terms in the media.

