

# PAKISTAN'S DIPLOMATIC MISSION NEWSLETTER



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## Pakistan & UAE

Beginning a new era of economic relations

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## Message

### Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the latest edition of the Pakistan Embassy's newsletter. This initiative is part of our continuous efforts to enhance communication and engagement with the Pakistani community in the United Arab Emirates, as well as our esteemed Emirati hosts.



Our mission in the UAE is multifaceted, focusing on strengthening bilateral relations, promoting trade and investment, providing consular services, and fostering cultural exchange. The embassy in Abu Dhabi and the consulate in Dubai are committed to serving the Pakistani diaspora with dedication and professionalism.

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about the various activities and initiatives undertaken by our diplomatic missions. Whether it is facilitating business opportunities, organizing cultural events, or addressing the consular needs of our community, our goal is to ensure that the services we provide are both comprehensive and accessible.

In the coming editions, we will highlight the significant work being done by our teams in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. You will find updates on key events, stories of our community members' achievements, and important information on consular matters. We hope this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource and a bridge between the embassy, the consulate, and the Pakistani community in the UAE.

I encourage you to stay connected with us and share your feedback to help us improve our services. Together, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant, and supportive community.

Warm regards,

**(Faisal Niaz Tirmizi)**

Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE



# 1. DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH

H.E. Julio Maiato, Ambassador Angola called on Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi on 5th September 2024.

They discussed mutual cooperation and various opportunities to further strengthening Pakistan – Angola relations.



# Pakistan Defence Day

The Pakistan Embassy in Abu Dhabi hosted a reception on Pakistan Navy Ship Shamsheer to celebrate Defence Day. Ambassador Faisal Tirmizi and Commodore Shahid Wasif SI(M), Mission Commander, Pakistan Navy welcomed the Chief Guest His Excellency General Salem Saeed Al Jabri, UAE's Assistant Foreign Minister for Military and Security Affairs, and Brigadier Abdullah Al Mohairbi, Deputy Commander UAE Navy. They highlighted the close partnership between Pakistan and the UAE, showcased by joint naval exercises and longstanding collaboration. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony on September 05, 2024.





## 2. ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY



**June 07, 2024**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Mohamed Al Mazrui, Chairman of the UAE Federation of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) at Abu Dhabi. This meeting provided an opportunity to discuss ways and means to strengthen economic, trade and investment cooperation between Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates.

**June 10, 2024**

Ambassador Tirmizi met with Mr. Rashed Ali Al Ansari, CEO of Al Ansari Exchange in Dubai on June 10, 2024. They Ambassador appreciated the company's support for the Pakistani community in the UAE and commitment to customer service.



**10 June 2024**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi received the ICAP team, comprised of President Farrukh Rehman and Secretary Omair Jamal, in Dubai. Productive discussions on enhancing professional ties and collaboration were held during the meeting.





## Date Palm Festival to be held in Pakistan This Year

Secretary General of Khalifa International Award for Date Palm Agriculture Innovation, Dr. Abdelouahhab Zaid, met with Pakistan's Envoy to the UAE. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi 11 June 2024 to discuss collaboration on date palm cultivation. They reviewed preparations for the upcoming festival in Pakistan and reaffirmed support for development in the sector through a signed MoU in February 2024.



**26 June, 2024**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Envoy to UAE, emphasized the importance of digitizing financial transactions and encouraged Pakistani expatriates to use legal banking channels for remittances. The launch of KuickPay, an online payment service, was held at the Embassy. The founders, Mr. Saqib Ali Kazmi and Mr. Arbab Ali Khan, introduced the services available through their platform. Ambassador Tirmizi praised such initiatives for supporting the Pakistani community abroad.





# Strengthening Ties

## Ambassador Tirmizi & Minister Al Awar Discuss Support for Pakistani Diaspora in UAE

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met with HE. Dr. Abdulrahman Abdulmannan Al Awar, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation in Dubai. They discussed issues concerning the Pakistani diaspora in UAE, mutual cooperation opportunities, and improving visa processing for Pakistanis seeking employment in UAE. Minister Al Awar offered assistance in streamlining visa services and both sides agreed to work together on health insurance for Pakistani workers. Senior officials from both countries also attended the meeting held on 14 June 2024.



# THE MANGOLICIOUS WAY

The Mango Festival at Pakistan Association Dubai, organized by the Pakistan Business Council and the Consulate General of Pakistan, was attended by diplomats, dignitaries, and government officials. H. E. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi and H. E. Hussain Muhammad inaugurated the event, emphasizing the significance of Pakistani mangoes and culture. Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Minister for Culture Tourism Antiquities Archives, government of Sindh presented mementos to conclude the ceremony.

July 7, 2024





## 2nd July 2024

Flydubai touches down in Islamabad and Lahore, The first flights landed at Islamabad International Airport (ISB) and Allama Iqbal International Airport (LHE) with a warm welcome. Flydubai has launched daily services to Islamabad and Lahore to offer more travel options for customers. The airline's network in Pakistan includes various cities. With a fleet of 88 Boeing 737 aircraft, flydubai serves more than 125 destinations in 58 countries. Flights from Dubai International (DXB) to ISB and LHE are now available for booking.



## 18 July 2024

A group of business leaders and professionals from Sindh called on Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi on July 18, 2024 to appraise him of what they are doing in the UAE to promote economic activity, friendship and cultural heritage of Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates.

## 14th August 2024

Pakistan Ambassador to the UAE speaks to Morning Majlis (Puls 95 Radio) on 14 August 2024 about increased connections and ties with Sharjah, particularly the launch of FlyJinnah flights.



## 17 August 2024

Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE, Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, appeared on WE News English Program Insight to discuss several key topics. He talked about the current job market situation in the UAE, particularly in Dubai. He also covered Pakistan-UAE bilateral relations and the expected visit of the UAE President to Pakistan. Additionally, he addressed the possibility of a

\$10 billion investment by the UAE in Pakistan, new visa restrictions for Pakistanis and how the Pakistani Embassy is supporting and facilitating Pakistanis in the UAE.





## August 24, 2024

H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General of Pakistan in Dubai witnessed an MoU signing ceremony between Pakistan Association Dubai (PAD) and Ulearn LLC at PAD, Dubai. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for cooperation between PAD and Ulearn LLC to promote education within the Pakistani community in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The parties aim to provide cost-effective online education that reduces educational costs and travel expenses, while ensuring equal access to quality education for all students through modern e-learning methods. The collaboration seeks to enable students to benefit from experienced teachers. The MoU was signed by Mr. Waseem Ullah Khan, CEO U-Learn and Mr. Khalid Imtiaz, Joint Secretary PAD.



## 25 August 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi visited Zulekha Hospital Sharjah at the invitation of Dr. Zulekha Daud, the Founder and Chairperson of Zulekha Healthcare Group, on 25 August 2024. He was warmly welcomed by Dr. Zulekha, Ms. Zanubia Shams (Co-Chairperson), and Pakistani doctors at the hospital. They discussed the services offered by Zulekha Hospital in Dubai and Sharjah, highlighting the cost-effective healthcare for underprivileged individuals in the UAE. Ambassador Tirmizi praised the hospital's services and suggested collaboration with the Pakistan Medical Center in Dubai for more healthcare facilities for expatriates, especially Pakistanis.





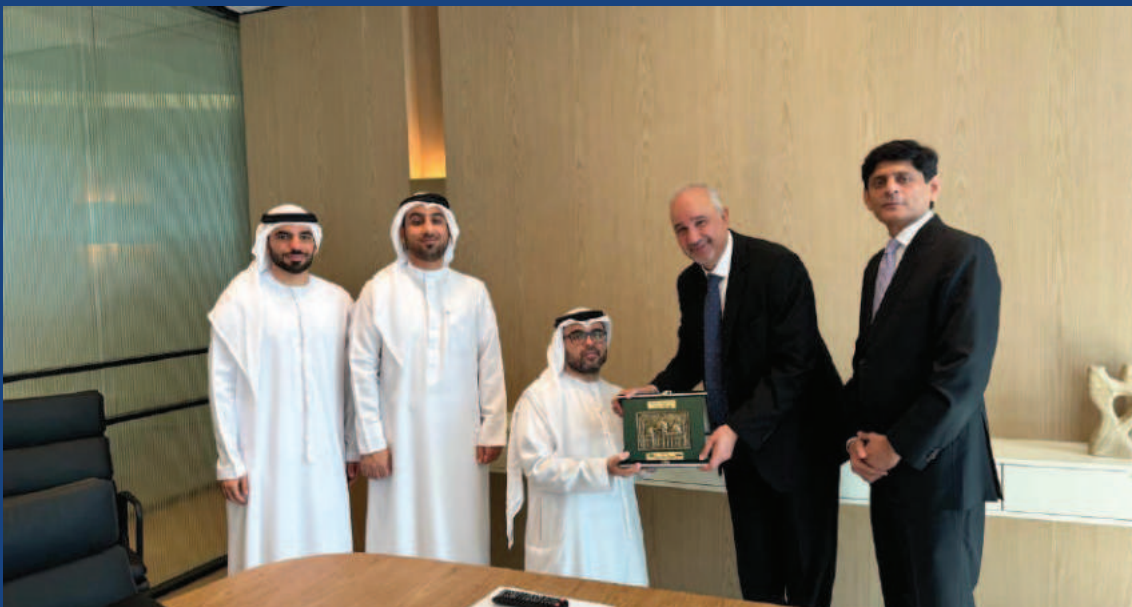
### 3 September, 2024

The Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) has established the Pakistan Business Council in Sharjah to enhance economic ties between the emirate and Pakistan. The goal is to increase trade and investment, boost private sector growth, and advance economic development. High-level officials, including the Chairman of SCCI and the Pakistani Ambassador to the UAE, attended the inauguration ceremony.



### 13 September, 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi met with H. E. Mohamed Al Hawi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Investment, UAE in Dubai today. They reviewed progress on seven MoUs between Pakistan and the UAE covering energy, agriculture, infrastructure, finance, and technology. Both sides recognized the benefits of these agreements and discussed recent high-level exchanges that have strengthened the strategic partnership. They expressed optimism for the future relationship, emphasizing continued collaboration at the highest levels. The meeting focused on deepening trade and investment ties, expanding business opportunities, and promoting economic cooperation for mutual prosperity and development.



30 July 2024

Ambassador Faisal Tirmizi welcomed students of Zayed University's College of Business Abu Dhabi at Pakistan Embassy. Ambassador Tirmizi praised vision of the UAE leadership including late Sheikh Zayed in transforming the country into an economic and tourism hub. He recalled His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahan's affection with Pakistan and also emphasized the strong political and economic relations between Pakistan and the UAE, reflected through cooperation in multifaceted areas.





# 3. PAKISTAN IMAGE BUILDING

Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance along with Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Ambassador of Pakistan to the UAE, and several dignitaries and diplomats, attended a grand celebration marking the 77th anniversary of Pakistan's independence. The event, held at the Dubai World Trade Centre, attracted over 30,000 attendees and was organised by the UAE Government Media Office in collaboration with "Emirates Loves Pakistan" page, the Pakistan Association Dubai, Dubai Police, and Dubai World Trade Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024.





# INTERNATIONAL DAY Women in Diplomacy

24 June 2024



**FAISAL NIAZ TIRMIZI**

Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE



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On the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, I pay tribute to the contributions of all my female colleagues at Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other women diplomats working across the globe. The world had witnessed their diplomatic skills in achieving and realizing global peace, security, development and human rights. Let's work together in making this world a better place for everyone where we can achieve shared objectives of gender equality.

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## University of Sharjah

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi visited University of Sharjah, meeting with Chancellor Dr. Humaid Majoul Al Nuaimi to discuss collaboration. Tirmizi praised the university's growth and opportunities for Pakistani students. They emphasized the importance of continued collaboration. July 03, 2024





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# 4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## 6th June 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi visited Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) in Abu Dhabi to see Pakistani patients injured in a factory fire in Ajman. Patients have recovered and will be sent to Pakistan. He thanked SSMC staff and the UAE government and presented appreciation letters.



Hussain Muhammad, Consul General met Pakistani students enrolled in Al Qasimia University, Sharjah at Pakistan's Consulate in Dubai. The Consul General appreciated the management of Al Qasimia University, Sharjah for offering scholarships to Pakistani students on June 6, 2024.







## فیصل نیاز ترمزی

سفیر پاکستان

عید الاضحیٰ مبارک

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والے تارکین وطن کو عید الاضحیٰ مبارک  
آئیں ہم سب مل کر اللہ کی بارگاہ میں دعا کریں کہ پاکستان امن،  
خوشحالی اور ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن رہے۔  
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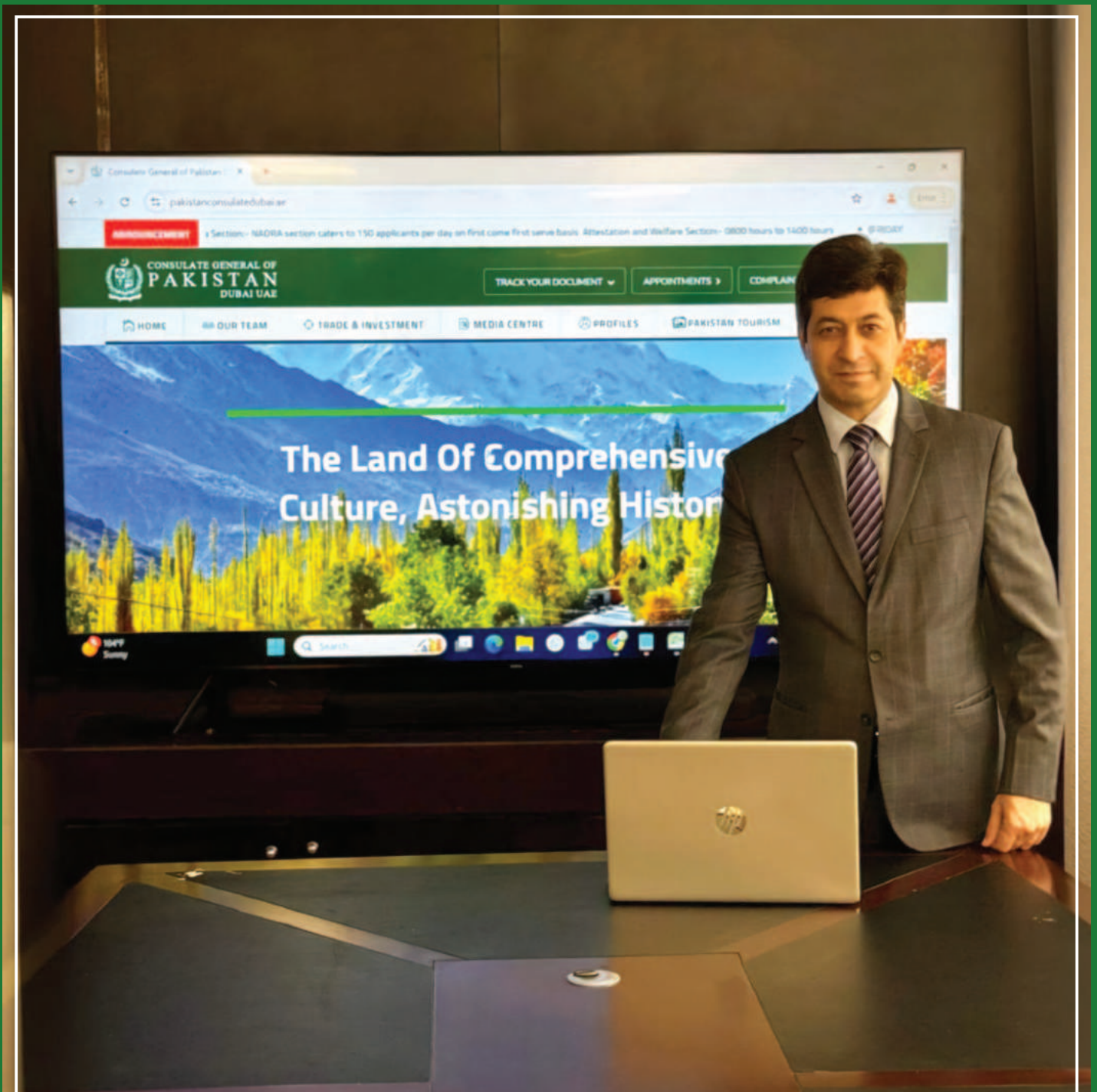
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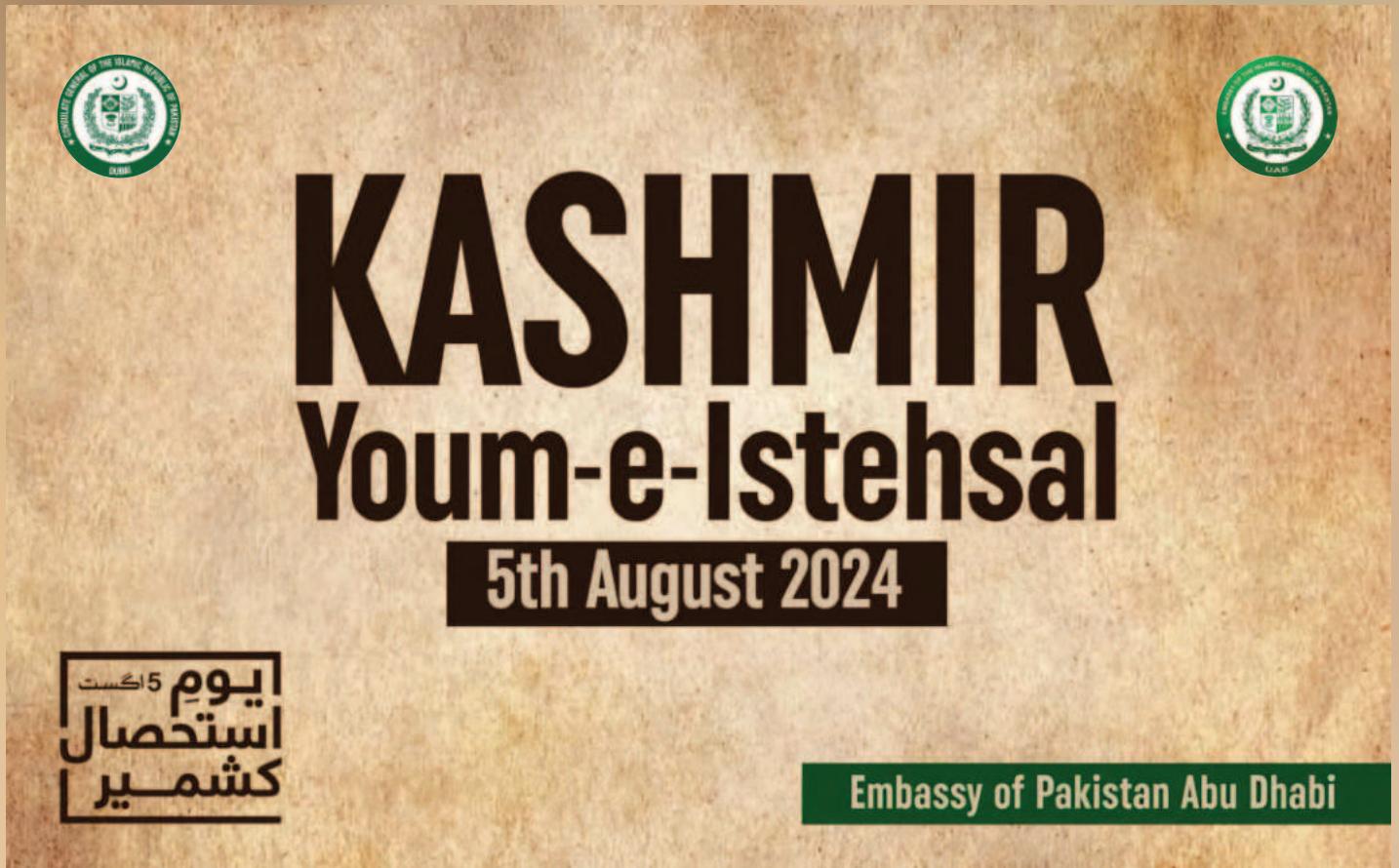


## CONSULATE GENERAL OF PAKISTAN LAUNCHED WEBSITE

Consul General of Pakistan in Dubai, His Excellency Mr. Hussain Muhammad launched the new website of the Consulate on 3rd July 2024, aiming for better user experience.

Visit <http://pakistanconsulatedubai.ae/> for more details.

03 July 2024



## 05 August 2024

The Embassy of Pakistan in Abu Dhabi along with the Consulate General of Pakistan Dubai commemorated Youm-e-Istehsal-Kashmir to mark the 5th anniversary of India's illegal actions in IIOJK. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi and Consul General Hussain Muhammad emphasized the need for international community's role in resolving the Kashmir dispute.







**11 August 2024**

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Pakistan's Envoy to UAE, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony at Pakistan's Association Dubai (PAD) for Independence Day celebrations in UAE. He commended PAD and Emirates Loves Pakistan for organizing successful events and thanked the UAE authorities for their support.





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On the eve of Pakistan's Independence Day, I convey my warmest greetings to all Pakistanis living in the United Arab Emirates. This day is a reminder of our forefather's sacrifices and their untiring efforts made for the creation of our beloved country. Let's reaffirm our commitment towards achieving Pakistan's peace, progress and prosperity. Overseas Pakistanis including more than 1.8 million Pakistani community in the Emirates can make a significant contribution in achieving this commitment.

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Pakistan's Ambassador to the UAE  
**Faisal Niaz Tirmizi**

14th August 2024

PAKISTAN  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
14th August





**14 August 2024**

A flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Abu Dhabi and Consulate General of Pakistan, Dubai marking the Seventy-Eighth Independence Day. Pakistani community members, along with families, attended. Ambassador Tirmizi & Consul General emphasized unity, faith, and discipline for Pakistan's progress, encouraging community involvement.





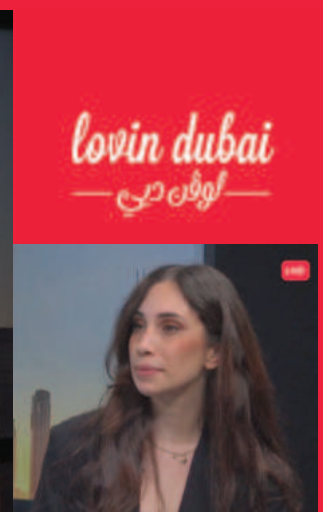
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## 14 August 2024

Interview of Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi highlighted Pakistan's potential in diverse sectors including tourism during his interview with Lovin Dubai on the occasion of the Independence Day of Pakistan.





## 7 March 2024

400,000 Pakistani expats have pledged against illegal remittances. Index Exchange organized "HUNDI PE WAAR" Media Briefing to promote legal remittances. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi commended Index Exchange for raising awareness among Pakistani diaspora. Pakistan expects to receive over \$33 billion foreign remittances in 2024-25.



## 25 August 2024

Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi attended Bath Spa University's 6th Graduation Ceremony in Dubai on August 25, 2024. CEO Raja Sajjad Hussain, Campus Director M. N. Brohi, and Vice Chancellor Professor Sue Rigby welcomed over 200 graduates from different countries. The Ambassador congratulated the graduates, appreciated the university's staff, and encouraged exploring educational opportunities in Pakistan. Consul General General Hussain Muhamamd also attended the ceremony.





## 2 September 2024

The UAE Government has announced an amnesty scheme from 1st September to 31st October 2024. The Embassy and Consulate General of Pakistan are offering assistance to Pakistani nationals in the UAE to benefit from this scheme. Services include extended office hours for document renewals, out-pass facilitation for emergency travel, and support for the Pakistani community. Pakistani nationals are encouraged to make use of this opportunity. A team from the Consulate General of Pakistan visited the Al Awir Immigration Center in Dubai to observe amnesty services. The UAE government's initiative helps individuals regularize residency status and resolve immigration matters efficiently.





**20 September 024**

Consul General Hussain Muhammad presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Muhammad Siddique Baksh, a Pakistani expat in Dubai, for his exemplary conduct. Mr. Baksh, living in the UAE since 1968, was praised for his outstanding work in various fields. Dubai Police also recognized him for his flawless driving record over 55 years. The Consul General commended Mr. Baksh for embodying values of discipline, hard work, and respect, inspiring the Pakistani community in the UAE.



## 28 September 2024

Pakistan Education Academy hosted the Academic Excellence Awards ceremony at their auditorium in Oud Metha, Dubai. H. E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General of Pakistan, graced the event as Chief Guest, praising the students and teachers for their outstanding achievements. He emphasized the role of education in shaping future leaders and encouraged the attendees to continue learning and making a positive impact on society. The event also included cultural performances by young students and recognized key individuals for their hard work in organizing the ceremony.







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