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WOMEN & CHILDREN

Denmark

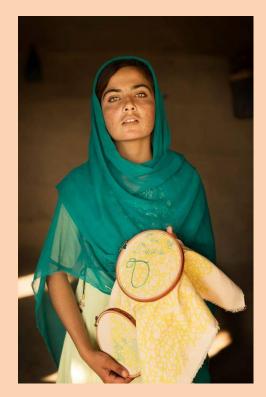
Meet Salma, a young artisan residing in Abdullah Ghoto Village in Thatta, located in the province of Sindh.

Salma enrolled herself in the #Art and #Craft designing workshops for local #artisans organised by Community World Service Asia with support from the Government of #Denmark.

Through these workshops, Salma learned how to

blend #traditional #skills with #contemporary #designs, using colors and innovative skills . Today she works as the Quality Assurance Supervisor.

Photo: CKU/Marie Hald



Denmark - Meet Raveena, a ten-year old #youth #activist from #Umerkot in Sindh, who raised her voice against traditions and said NO to becoming a #child#bride.

Raveena was a regular audience of #community #theaters conducted in her area, funded by #Denmark, through which she learned about the #harms of #underage #marriage. She was able to bring this information home and convince her parents to #save her #childhood. Raveena continues to study and is a #promising #role #model for #young #girls in her community.

Raveena is one of the many beneficiaries of Oxfam in Pakistan's 'Gender Empowerment and

Institutional Development Programme' supported by the Government of Denmark. The nationwide project aims to create an environment for effective citizenship and responsive governance, where people, especially youth and women, can exercise their #reproductive#health #rights without any discrimination of #gender.

Watch Video

https://www.facebook.com/Embassy.of.Denmark.in.Pakistan/videos/1649470795070392/

GERMANY

March 29

Good news for combating violence against women! German Ambassador Ina Lepel and Dastak Charitable Trust, a women shelter in Lahore, signed a project agreement last week. The project enables Dastak to provide shelter and assistance to women who have suffered from domestic violence. We hope this service will help improve the lives of those who need our support the most.

The USA

American Ambassador David Hale Meets with Pakistani Women Business Owners

The United States and the Aurat Foundation Celebrate Women's Achievements

FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

Denmark

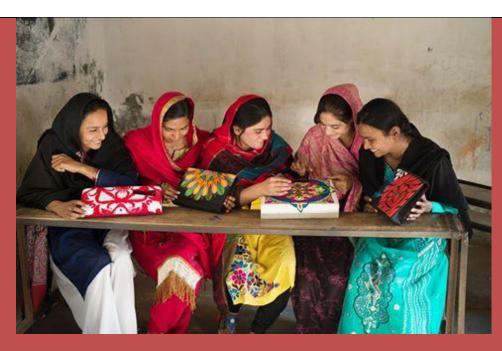
May 22

Watch these young women cheer to see the upshot of their hard work in shape of beautiful and stunning embroidered products with striking colors and excellent finish.

They enhanced their embroidery skills by participating in the embroidery production training in Mateela village in district Sargodha, Punjab with support of the Danish Embassy.

Alluring prospects await for these women as they now receive continual production orders from local as well as vendors outside their village.

Photo: CKU/Marie Hald



Germany

May 22

Solar cooker for 100 Pakistani families!

Two of our colleagues visited our project partner "Social Welfare Council" in a village near Gujar Khan today. The German Embassy is funding the production and distribution of 100 solar cooker.

Only the sun is needed to cook a meal on one of these simple cookers. Therefore, women don't have to collect firewood anymore and it is safer than using fire to cook.



April 17

One of our colleagues visited a women's shelter in Lahore this week and met with women of disadvantaged community.

It was impressive to see the incredible work done by civil society to support those who need our assistance the most. Even more impressive was the resilience that these women show on a daily basis. We will continue to support women empowerment in Pakistan - a key factor for making societies more equitable and prosperous!



April 8

On the occasion of the visit of the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr. Gerd Müller, parts of the German Delegation visited Behbud in Rawalpindi. This project is supported by the German Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung since 1996.

The German Delegation enjoyed this interesting trip a lot and if you want to find out more about "Behbud" have a look at their website http://behbud.org/



HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA

June 15

Australian High Commissioner Margaret Adamson talks about Australia's support to the Civil Society Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (CS WASH) program in a special documentary by the International Rescue Committee (IRC). CS WASH, implemented by IRC and Plan International, supports the efforts of provincial governments to improve sanitation and environmental health in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab providing 460,000 people with access to improved sanitation.



June 10, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP has announced a further AUD18 million to help end #polio transmission in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. This brings Australia's total funding to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to AUD104 million since 2011. Through GPEI, around 16 million people are active who would have otherwise been paralysed by polio, and the world has saved more than USD27 billion in health costs.



13 April 2017 - Press Release - Australia announces funding to improve nutrition in Pakistan

DENMARK

Govt to welcome Danish help to control diabetes: minister

https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/201363-Govt-to-welcome-Danish-help-to-control-diabetesminister

GERMANY

May 21

Acting German Ambassador Dr Jens Jokisch inaugurated two projects in Peshawar this week, together with a visiting Delegation from Germany.



The projects provide technical training for solar engineers and medical assistance to burn and trauma patients in remote areas through video technology. Both are part of the mainly German-funded PATRIP Foundation which supports economic and social development in the border regions of Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A big thanks to our local partners who have made these projects a success!

The USA

U.S. Announces Two New Health Projects for KP and FATA

https://pk.usembassy.gov/u-s-announces-two-new-health-projects-kp-fata/

United States Continues to Invest for Better Health Systems in Pakistan

ENERGY

Denmark

Denmark to assist Pakistan with increasing renewable energy intake by improving grid constraints,

Danish Ambassador, Ole Thonke

France

22 June 23, 2017

France provides 100 million euros (11.5 BILLION PKR) soft loan for the sustainable energy sector reform program

https://pk.ambafrance.org/France-provides-100-million-euros-11-5-BILLION-PKR-soft-loan-for-the

France supporting the construction of Jaggran Hydropower plant

https://pk.ambafrance.org/France-supporting-the-construction-of-Jaggran-Hydropower-plant

May 22

France supporting #GreenEnergy development in #Pakistan: Ambassador of France and Ambassador of European Union Cooperation in Pakistan visited the construction site of the new national Hydropower Training Institute (HPTI) in Mangla.

France and the EU through the AFD - Agence Française de Développement -French Agency for Development (AFD) have provided the Government of Pakistan with a 4 million euros funding. Upon its completion by end of 2018, the hydropower training center will contribute to the capacity-building of public and private hydropower operators like WADPA, provincial operators and independent power producers.

For the last ten years, France through the French Agency for Development has been promoting green energies in Pakistan and has allocated more than 300 million euros to investments in hydroelectricity. About 80% of this amount is financing projects implemented by WAPDA to develop the tremendous Pakistani potential in hydroelectricity.

GERMANY

June 21•

Germany keeps supporting renewable energies in Pakistan! 🥯 🕸 🗸 🛚

The Solar Quality Foundation (SQF) and the GIZ-REEE Project signed a declaration of understanding with the aim to further promote certified solar PV products and services across Pakistan.







Signing ceremony for the
Declaration of Understanding between the GIZ Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (REEE) project
and the Solar Quality Foundation (SQF)

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Education

Australia

Australia partners with DFID - UK Department for International Development in Pakistan to support the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's education reforms. The Australian Government is investing A\$63.85 million in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Education Sector Program to help ensure every girl and boy has the opportunity to gain a quality education. Australia's support is also helping to improve the infrastructure of hundreds of schools across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to provide better learning environments for children.



Photo courtesy: Department for International Development (DFID) Pakistan

Australian High Commissioner, Margaret Adamson donated sporting equipment to Kaghan Valley School, which is providing free education to children in earthquake affected areas of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Province. The Australian Government's Sport for Development initiatives engage young people to help them learn important life skills including leadership, teamwork, respecting rules,

discipline and perseverance.



May 20 Australia's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Margaret Adamson hosted a lunch for local institutions and NGOs working with the Australian High Commission's Direct Aid Program (DAP). Through the DAP program, the High Commission has funded projects across Pakistan, including solar infrastructure for vocational training facilities, promoting women's entrepreneurship, supporting a public speaking program in schools designed to address challenging social issues, as well as supporting organisations working towards ending violence against women and girls.



16 May 2017 - Press Release - Curtin University Alumni Chapter Launched in Pakistan

4 May 2017 - Press Release - Australian Global Alumni Network expands in Pakistan -

<u>14 March 2017 - Media Release - Australia announces video competition and study tour to Australia</u> for schools across Pakistan

Denmark

Denmark's support to Children Rights: The emotional, social and physical development of young children has a direct effect on their overall development and on the adult they will become.

Recieving adequate nutrition, care and opportunities to learn is a basic right, which is why we are proud to be supporting UNICEF Pakistan's Country Program, which works around six key priorities for child development in Pakistan.

This partnership has helped promote a cross-sectoral engagement in education, WASH (in schools), child protection, nutrition, and health sector for the holistic development of the child.We fully believe that optimising the early years of children's lives is the best investment we can make in ensuring their future success. #ChildrenRights

Click for Video: https://www.facebook.com/unicefpakistan/videos/993268350693402/

Recently, UNICEF hosted 'Reflection & Way Forward' - an exhibition with an event to reflect on what has been achieved for children in Pakistan as we mark the half way point in UNICEF's 2013 – 2017 Country Programme.

The six key areas being prioritized by UNICEF in Pakistan in its current country programme:

- 1- Educate All Children;
- 2- Eradicate Polio;
- 3- Improve Access to Sanitation;
- 4- Stopping Stunting;
- 5- Decrease Child Deaths; and
- 6- Birth Registration.

Watch video for more. Also visit http://goo.gl/KupKza for further information.

Germany

May 14

Good news for boys and girls in North Waziristan!

Acting Ambassador Dr. Jens Jokisch signed an agreement with Poverty Alliance Welfare Trust for the provision of school equipment.

Two schools in North Waziristan will be equipped with bio, physics and chemistry lab material, class furniture, sports equipment and much more.

By improving the learning environment this will help to retain more than 1000 boys and girls in these two schools.



May 3

Great news for Pakistani students!

Through a collaboration between UBL and the German Embassy, Pakistani students aspiring to obtain student visas for further studies in German educational institutions, will be facilitated by UBL through blocked funds in Euro accounts.

For more information on opening a blocked account have a look at their website:

http://www.ubldirect.com/corporate/GermanStudentVisas.aspx

The Netherlands

May 31

Ambassador Jeannette Seppen visits Kaghan Memorial Trust School, Kawai in Kaghan Valley. She was impressed to see the students' commitment to acquire higher education and serve the poorest of the poor in Pakistan. In 2012, the Embassy helped construct a health facility which was later made a science lab for the benefit of 400 children.

The UK

British Deputy High Commissioner hosts a reception for Chevening and British Alumni in Pakistan

Reforming education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Accomplishments, challenges and looking ahead

The USA

Consul General Launches English Access Microscholarship Program in Karachi

https://pk.usembassy.gov/consul-general-launches-english-access-microscholarship-program-karachi/

Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) schools' groundbreaking in Karachi

Acting Consul General Warner Highlights U.S. Help to Pakistani Students in Moving from Education to Employment

<u>U.S. Consul General Raymond McGrath Welcomes Students to Celebrate 10 Years of the English Access Program in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province</u>

MEDIA SUPPORT

Denmark

Media has an important role in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies. The latest Press Freedom Index shows that Europe is still a beacon of press freedom, as Norway tops the list, followed by Sweden, Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands.

IMS (International Media Support) with the support of the Government of Denmark is supporting independent media in Pakistan since 2010.

The program focuses on improving the skills of media workers in the provinces so they may enable citizens to make informed decisions in their own lives and through political participation. It also focuses on improving the regulatory environment for the media and promoting the development of professional codes of conduct among journalists and institutions to provide journalists with enabling professional environments that support high-quality, in-depth journalism.

You can read more about IMS work in Pakistan

here: https://www.mediasupport.org/areas/asia/pakistan/

The UK

Training Sessions to improve standards of journalism in Pakistan

The British High Commission supports improved standards of Pakistani journalism

Female journalism to be given greater role in Pakistan

<u>Seven Pakistani journalists awarded Chevening South Asia Journalism Fellowship 2017</u>

March 1, 2017

Journalism Excellence Awards supported by Government of Denmark

The right to information and freedom of expression are preconditions for a transparent debate and for ensuring basic human rights, said Ambassador H.E Ole Thonke while speaking at a #Journalism #Excellence #Award ceremony hosted by IMS (International Media Support) in collaboration with Individualiand Pakistan

Ambassador Thonke awarded 11 winners from print and electronic media from the four regions for their outstanding journalism and reporting skills and for highlighting regional issues pertinent to #national #development. The winners were selected under IL's small grants programme with the aim to recognise the best news stories from various regions showcasing critical analysis and information on important issues from their local areas.

Congratulating the winners, he said Denmark's support for the #freedom of #expression and a #free and #diverse #media is intended to contribute to the development of a platform for #democratic #debate, to #reduce#poverty and to #promote #peace and #security in #Pakistan. The awards program is part of a larger media support program funded by the Government of Denmark that aims to build media capacity on content and skills and especially #safety of #media #workers. It also focuses on improving the legal and regulatory framework for media, and strengthening of the professional #code of #ethics.

'Right to information, freedom of expression are important for ensuring human rights' Media plays a vital role in democratic societies, says Danish ambassador DAWN.COM

DISASTER RELIEF & CLIMATE CHANGE

AUSTRALIA

Humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and Pakistan http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170620a.aspx

GERMANY

March 19, 3.6 million people in South Punjab to benefit from new blood centre!

German Ambassador Ina Lepel inaugurated Regional Blood Centers in Multan and Bahawalpur.

These two Blood Centers were financed by the KFW Development Bank as part of the bilateral development cooperation.

The center will have a capacity of 50.000 blood bags.



FRANCE

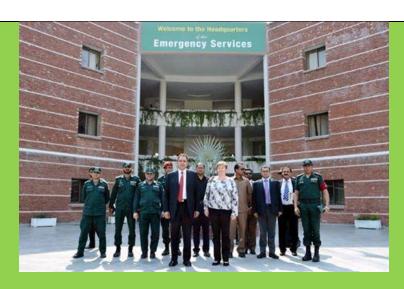
Launching Ceremony of Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change (CSCCC)

https://pk.ambafrance.org/Launching-Ceremony-of-Civil-Society-Coalition-for-Climate-Change-CSCCC

SWEDEN

On 22nd May, Swedish Ambassador H. E. Ms Ingrid Johansson visited Rescue 1122 -

Official Headquarters and met the Director General, Punjab Emergency Service Dr. Rizwan Naseer to discuss the possibilities of strengthening collaboration on emergency services between Punjab and Sweden. An extensive tour of the facility was arranged with a demonstration of the Rescue services and capabilities and admired the enthusiasm of the rescuers in training. The Ambassador said that the professional civilian rescue services are vital for the entire society and working for the Rescue Services is a prestigious profession in Sweden.



The USA

<u>Ambassador Hale Inaugurates 24 million rupee Reconstructed Counter Terrorism Department Building in Karachi</u>

<u>US Embassy Donates Bomb Protection Suits, Medical Equipment to Pakistani Law Enforcement Agencies</u>

U.S. Office of Defense Representative Delivers Aircraft to Pakistan Army

COMMERCE & TRADE

DENMARK

April 27, The Embassy held its first Pakistan Denmark Danish Club (PDBC) meeting of 2017 in Karachi. The meeting was hosted by Maersk Pakistan with participation from 20 of the leading Danish companies in Pakistan including from IT, pharmaceutical, health, shipping, engineering consultancy, textiles and chemicals sectors.

The Embassy updated the PDBC members on the #growing #trade relations between #Denmark and #Pakistan and informed participants of the activities of the Embassy in Pakistan and shared the strategic direction of the trade focus for the rest of the year.

Mr. Johan Sorensen from the EU Delegation in Pakistan was the guest speaker. He presented his views and data on #EU-Pakistan trade relations including #GSP+. The members showed a keen interest in the points raised and welcomed the new ideas and initiatives taken by the Embassy' DID YOU KNOW? The export of Danish goods has increased by 58.2% in 2016 compared to the previous year, and the exports of Pakistani goods to Denmark grew by 28% in the same period.

FRANCE

French Business delegation in Islamabad and Karachi (4-6 April 2017)

https://pk.ambafrance.org/French-Business-delegation-in-Islamabad-and-Karachi-4-6-April-2017

SWEDEN

May 24, 2017 Scania enters Pakistani market

https://www.scania.com/group/en/scania-enters-pakistani-market/

Sweden means business!

On 18th May, the Swedish companies Al-Hamd International Container Terminal,

CyanConnode Ecolean, Ericsson, Oriflame, Panasian Group, Saab AB, SKF and Tetra Pak Pakistan co-hosted the Swedish National Day reception in Islamabad. The companies showcased their diverse work and contributions in the area of energy, technology, shipping and logistics, packaging and sustainability solutions to some 300 guests from the diplomatic, cultural and business community. Honorable Federal Minister for Industries & Production, Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi attended the event as Chief Guest.

Sweden means business! In close cooperation with the Swedish business community in Pakistan, we are intensifying our efforts for the strengthening of the economic ties between Sweden and Pakistan in the coming years. New investments and initiatives are already happening and more is coming, said H.E. Ambassador of Sweden in her welcoming address.

An exhibition showcasing contemporary Pakistan art curated by the Nomad Art Gallery was also part of the event.

#swedenday #swedennationalday



The UK

DIT roundtable boosts UK business opportunities in Pakistan

USA

U.S. Embassy Leads Pakistani Delegation to International Franchise Expo https://pk.usembassy.gov/u-s-embassy-leads-pakistani-delegation-international-franchise-expo/

MCR & Yum! Brands Sign Agreement to Expand Pizza Hut in Pakistan

Ambassador Hale Inaugurates 314 million rupee Information Technology Center in Karachi

Pakistani and American experts emphasize IPR's crucial role in Pakistan's economic growth

Ambassador Hale: "Innovation is Key to Pakistan's Economic Development"

ARTS & CULTURE

GERMANY

Ms. Marvi Mazhar will represent Pakistan in Germany as participant of a study tour "Maintaining and protecting cultural heritage in Germany and around the world", organized by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.



In February this year, the Annemarie-Schimmel-Haus (German Cultural Centre Lahore) invited the world-renowned, award-winning National Geographic photographer Matthieu Paley and his wife, the graphic and communications designer Mareile Paley to hold two parallel workshops at the Annemarie-Schimmel-Haus for young photographers and graphic designers from all the major art universities in Lahore and presented the results of the workshops in the Alhamra Arts Council Gallery in February. In April, the German Embassy was proud to present this exhibition in Islamabad. Therefore the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Ina Lepel would like to invite you to attend, this Poster Exhibition, on Monday, 24 April 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Art Gallery, PNCA (Address: Plot No. 5, F-5/1, Islamabad. Landmark: Marriott Hotel)



March 10, The Ambassador opened an exhibition of 11 women painters organized by Nomad Art & Cultural Centre at Lok Virsa on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

The photo shows the Ambassador, Ms. Nageen Hayat, Director Nomad, and one of the women painters.



JAPAN

The Government of Japan Extends Grant Aid US\$ 83,064 To NUML For The Project For Improvement of Learning Environment Of Japanese Language Department, NUML

http://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/numl_grant.html

A CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT OF JUN KANNO HELD AT THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN

http://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr en/PianoConcert.html

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY DEMONSTRATION HELD AT THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN ISLAMABAD http://www.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/TeaCeremony.html

The UK

The British Council launches 'Creative cities in Pakistan' exhibition in London.

The USA

Religious Leaders and Consul General Tour Worship Sites to Promote Interfaith Tolerance

U.S. Consulate General Karachi Holds American Poetry Mushaira with Young Students

AWARDS | SCHOLARSHIPS | SPORTS | YOUTH'S DEVELOPMENT

AUSTRALIA

Here's a snapshot of some of the scholarship options available to international students in Australia. Use the scholarship search tool on www.studyinaustralia.gov.au. For a more complete list of scholarships visit https://insiderguides.com.au/10-scholarships-international-s...



June 21, 2017

Australia Awards recipient from Pakistan, Lila Ram talks about how his Master's in Education from the University of Sydney helped him in working with the UN Child Friendly Schools project which involved 400 government primary schools and benefitted 70,000 girls and boys in Sindh. Lila Ram was also a key member of a UN team which provided education to 200,000 flood-affected children by establishing Temporary Learning Centres in various districts of Sindh during the 2010, 2011, and 2012 flood emergencies.



24 May 2017 - Press Release - Australia Awards Fellows discuss Criminal Justice Reform in Pakistan

21 April 2017 - Press Release - Australia Awards Scholarships to 27 Pakistanis in Energy and Entrepreneurship

FRANCE

Hello Tomorrow - Pakistan Challenge Applications Are Now Open! LUMS in collaboration with Pakistan Innovation Foundation - PIF and the Ambassade de France au Pakistan French Embassy launched "Hello Tomorrow Pakistan Challenge' at #LUMS Center of Entrepreneurship in Lahore. The winners of the local challenge will be sponsored to attend the Global Hello Tomorrow Summit in Paris in October 2017 to pitch in front of 300 international tech investors.

Start-up applications from all over **#Pakistan** working in the field of science, technology and social entrepreneurship are accepted till July 10, 2017.

For more information please contact Sanwal Muneer, head of Hello Tomorrow Pakistan: islamabad@hello-tomorrow.org



Award bestowed on Mr. Bashir Ali Mohammad, Chairman of Gul Ahmed Group (7 April, 2017, Karachi)

https://pk.ambafrance.org/Award-bestowed-on-Mr-Bashir-Ali-Mohammad-Chairman-of-Gul-Ahmed-Group-7-April

The USA

Ambassador Hale's Inauguration of The Resource Group new IT services facility

American Sports Experts Visit Pakistan to Promote Girls' Empowerment

TRAINING (NON-MILITARY)

The USA

"I am now confident I can save lives": US Supports Medical Emergency Training for Pakistani Policemen

American Embassy Leads Pakistani Delegation to Recycling and Waste Management Trade Expo

Pakistani officials complete six-year USDA agricultural export training program

American Entrepreneur Shares Advice with Pakistani Audiences through U.S. Embassy's Entrepreneurship Speaker Series

International Donor Agencies

United Nations in Pakistan https://www.un.org.pk/

World Health Organization (WHO) Pakistan http://www.emro.who.int/pak/donors/

Oxfam Pakistan https://www.oxfam.org/en/countries/pakistan

Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan_en

The World Bank in Pakistan http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/pakistan

Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Pakistan https://www.adb.org/countries/pakistan/main

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) http://www.pk.undp.org/content/pakistan/en/home

Aga Khan Development Network http://www.akdn.org/where-we-work/south-asia/pakistan/cultural-development/overview

List of National & International Donors/ Organizations in Pakistan.

http://pvdc.com.pk/list-of-national-international-donors-organizations-in-pakistan/

Why Patrons of Pakistan?

Create awareness in general public about the donor's support and lifesaving efforts in Pakistan. Anti-corruption.

Withstand anti-western and anti-developed nation's sentiments in Pakistan.

Source

- Australia in Pakistan and Facebook page @AustraliainPakistan
- Embassy of Denmark in Pakistan Facebook page
- Embassy of France in Pakistan and Facebook page @EmbassyofFranceinPakistan
- German Embassy Islamabad Facebook page @GermanEmbassyIslamabad
- Embassy of the Netherlands in Pakistan @DutchEmbassyPakistan
- Embassy of Sweden in Pakistan Facebook page @swedeninpk
- EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN PAKISTAN
- THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN
- UK IN PAKISTAN

Patrons of Pakistan is nonpartisan and an effort to share and publish news of diversity, harmony and mutual understanding to bridge between nations and inform people directly about how humanitarian aid is positively changing lives in Pakistan.





Daniel Pearl

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