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“PROMOTING PAKISTAN-AFRICA RELATIONS THROUGH REVIVAL OF THE BANDUNG SPIRIT OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY”

ISSI-PAIDAR Commemorate Zimbabwe's National Day



PAIDAR & ISSI commemorate Tunisia's Independence Day



Ambassador of Somalia to Pakistan, Sheikh Noor Mohammed Hassan attended Eid lunch hosted by President PAIDAR



NUML – PAIDAR Collaboration at Spring Festival 2025

Department of International Relations at NUML partners with PAIDAR to spotlight Africa's cultural richness and strategic importance through an immersive exhibition. As part of NUML's Spring Festival 2025, the Department of International Relations, in collaboration with the Pakistan Africa Institute for Development and Research (PAIDAR), hosted a cultural stall under the theme **"Exploring Africa."** This vibrant showcase featured traditional attire, music, art, and key information on Africa's untapped economic and diplomatic potential.



President PAIDAR with Foreign Minister of Rwanda Mr. Olivier Nduhungirehe at a lunch hosted by MoFA, Pakistan



President PAIDAR with african friends at International Conference at Geneva hosted by Global Council for Tolerance & Peace



President PAIDAR Attends Inauguration of Rwanda High Commission in Islamabad as Guest of Honour Alongside Foreign Minister of Rwanda



Pakistan Embassy in Senegal Hosted 85th National Day Reception



Ambassador Saima Sayed with Senator Mbacke

Embassy of Pakistan, Senegal



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PRESS RELEASE

RECEPTION HOSTED AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY, DAKAR TO MARK 85TH NATIONAL DAY OF PAKISTAN (1/2)

A reception was hosted at the Pakistan Embassy, Dakar to celebrate 85th National Day of Pakistan. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, officials from the Senegalese government, businessmen, members of the civil society, friends of Pakistan and Pakistan Diaspora from Senegal attended the event. H.E. Ms. Khady Dienz Gueye Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports was the chief guest at the reception.

This year the reception was based on the theme of "Pakistan's Textile and Fashion: fusion of tradition, creativity and sustainability". Ambassador Saima Sayed highlighted Pakistan's strong textile sector and the contemporary fashion industry of Pakistan. A mini documentary was also shown to the guests highlighting the history and growth of Pakistan's textile sector and Pakistan's fashion trends promoting tradition with innovation. Mannequins wearing Pakistani clothes showcasing traditional craftsmanship with a modern outlook greatly attracted the attention of the guests at the reception.

Pakistani pharmaceutical companies doing business in Senegal set up their stall at the reception. Guests were enlightened about leading Pakistani pharmaceutical companies like PharmaTech, ATCO, SEARLE, Nabi Qasim, Ferozesons, Nexus, NutraPharma and many more that are exporting quality and affordable medicines to Senegal. These companies are known for their international certifications and high manufacturing standards. A Senegalese company Sissoko Habbatu Sauda also displayed its herbal products that is sourcing its raw materials from Pakistan.

Ambassador Sayed highlighted 2025 as the 65th anniversary of Pakistan Senegal bilateral relations. She mentioned that Pakistan and Senegal have a strong relation rooted in common faith and in the spirit of south-south cooperation. Both countries are engaging in various sectors like textiles, pharmaceuticals and rice. Ambassador Sayed reiterated that this milestone year should be an opportunity to reflect on the past 65 years and set new goals to bring both people and countries closer and build new linkages. (1/2)

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RECEPTION HOSTED AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY, DAKAR TO MARK 85TH NATIONAL DAY OF PAK (2/2)

Ms. Khady Dienz Gueye Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports in her speech conveyed good wishes from the President of Senegal on the occasion of Pakistan's national Day and reiterated the desire to strengthen Pakistan Senegal bilateral relations.

Ambassador Sayed joined the chief guest along with dean of the Diplomatic Corps and other Ambassadors to cut a cake. The guests were offered an interesting buffet dinner based on a high quality Pakistani Basmati rice in a variety of combinations including Biryani, Sweet Rice and Karhi Pakora with boiled rice. .

The event was well attended and the guest appreciated the display of Pakistani textiles and fashion and the hospitality of the Pakistan Embassy Dakar.

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Pakistan-Africa Relations

- Pakistan's links with Africa predate the creation of the country in 1947 as the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah visited Egypt in 1946 which laid the foundation of building this common bond;
- Pakistan has the honour of strongly supporting the freedom struggles of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco in the 1950s, even providing Pakistani diplomatic passports to their leaders during the anti-colonial struggle;
- Pakistan supported the struggle for independence of Libya and Eritrea at the United Nations and provided military, diplomatic and political support to the liberation movements of ANC in South Africa, ZANU-PF in Zimbabwe and SWAPO in Namibia;
- Pakistan was at the forefront of opposing the racist apartheid regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia;
- Pakistan helped in military training, administrative capacity building, plus providing scholarships to students, technical expertise in areas of health, education and law to the newly independent African states.
- Pakistan has 60 year track record of the Pakistan Army serving Africa through participation in UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Pakistani people have always had an affinity with struggles of people of Africa: in 1960, after the assassination of Patrice Lumumba, there was a huge solidarity demonstration in Lahore & one of the most famous poems of Pakistani popular poet, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, is 'Come Back Africa'.

Aims of PAIDAR

- **Rejuvenate** the historical bonds of solidarity between Pakistan and Africa which were cemented during Pakistan's support to freedom movements in Africa.
- **Restore** Pakistan's foreign policy priority orientation and involvement in Africa given common interests and centrality of Africa to the resurgence of the Global South in 21st century;
- **Revive** Pakistan-Africa relations through people-to-people exchanges and business-to-business connectivity.

Pakistan's efforts in Africa

- Pakistan played a pivotal role in supporting the liberation movements of Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, and Eritrea during their anti-colonial struggles, offering **diplomatic passports** and backing at the United Nations.
- Pakistan has consistently extended **humanitarian aid** to African countries during times of crisis, providing relief assistance, medical aid, and disaster response support.
- Pakistan staunchly **opposed apartheid regimes** in South Africa and Rhodesia, providing military, diplomatic, and political support to movements like the ANC, ZANU-PF, and SWAPO.
- With a 60-year track record, the Pakistan Army has been instrumental in serving Africa through participation in **UN Peacekeeping Operations**, contributing to regional stability and conflict resolution.
- Pakistan actively contributed to the **development of newly independent** African states, offering military training, administrative capacity building, scholarships, and technical expertise in crucial areas such as health, education, and law.
- Pakistan has supported **healthcare initiatives** in Africa, including medical missions, training programs for healthcare professionals, and assistance in combating diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, and Ebola.



Brief Profile of President PAIDAR

Mushahid Hussain Sayed has a long experience and interest in Africa from his student days. As a student, he founded the Pakistan Youth Committee on Afro-Asian Solidarity.

While in the United States, he studied Africa among his principal areas of academic interest in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, where his Academic Adviser, Dr. Chester Crocker, a leading American expert on Africa, later went on to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs in the administration of President Ronald Reagan. As journalist, he covered the war in Western Sahara & interviewed Yasser Arafat in Tunisia as well as Sudan's Sadiq al-Mahdi in London.



As Minister for Information, Culture and Tourism, he had the honour to serve as Minister-in-Waiting for President Nelson Mandela during his visit to Pakistan in May 1999.

He also had the privilege of interacting with President Julius Nyerere, when he visited Pakistan in 1989 as Chairman of the South Commission.

He served as Leader of Pakistan's Parliamentary Delegation to Nigeria in 2021 as well as the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) General Assembly at Luanda, Angola in October 2023.

He was elected Vice President of the IPU Committee on Human Rights of Parliamentarians, during the IPU Conference in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2022 where he focused on issues of democracy and Human Rights in Africa. He also served as Convenor of Pakistan-Nigeria Parliamentary Friendship Group in the Senate during 2021-2024.

He is the first Pakistani to be invited to a BRICS official event, when, in August 2023, on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, he was specially invited in his personal capacity by the National School of Government & the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa to the BRICS Forum on People-to-People & Cultural Exchanges in Johannesburg.



With grandson of Nelson Mandela at Tehran International Conference on Palestine



With President of Angola, Mr. João Lourenço

