

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



President PAIDAR Invited to head office of Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry at Karachi to introduce Pakistan's first think tank on Africa.



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President PAIDAR was honored as the 'Guest of Honor' at the Africa Day celebrations, hosted by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



President PAIDAR, visited the Ethiopian Embassy in Islamabad to offer condolences for the tragic loss of lives due to the landslides in Gofa Zone, Ethiopia.



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





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