

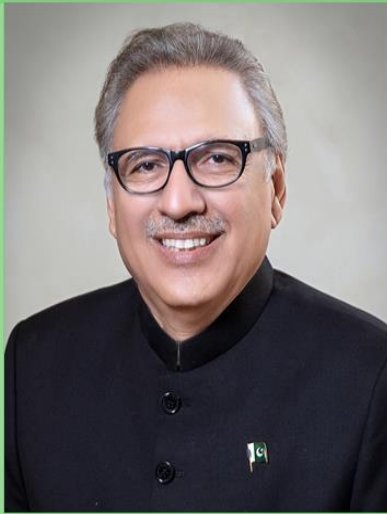


# EMERGING PAKISTAN

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## EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRO-WOMEN LAWS A MUST FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY



Underscoring the significance of women empowerment, President Dr. Arif Alvi emphasized that effective implementation of pro-women laws would be vital for inclusive society. Addressing the Brainstorming Session on Gender-Based Discrimination and Promotion of Legal, Economic and Social Empowerment of Women at Aiwan-e-Sadr on December 23, 2020, the President underlined that his office had been actively engaged for promoting equal rights for women and disabled people.

The President said that as ordained by the Holy Quran and emphasized by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him), women's rights were enshrined in the country's constitution. The President expressed the hope that the session would provide guidance in devising policies on women empowerment.

Expressing concerns over issues faced by women, including domestic violence, insecurity at police stations, delayed disposal of divorce cases, reluctance to register harassment and rape cases, the President said that such sessions were instrumental in raising awareness about these issues. He highlighted government's policies to empower women, including an exclusive loan scheme, to run small and medium enterprises.

The event featured discussions on property rights, inheritance, access to education, health, economic empowerment and gender based discrimination. Experts from legal fraternity, media and other sectors presented their recommendations for strengthening women's rights.

## INDUSTRIALIZATION IS THE ONLY METHOD TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY AND ACHIEVE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH



**P**rim Minister Imran Khan highlighted the importance of industrialization which would help in poverty alleviation efforts of the government, while addressing the business community at the inauguration of AirSial, on December 9, 2020.

The Prime Minister said that industrialization would attract foreign investment and help in the development of Gilgit-Baltistan, former tribal areas and South Punjab. Appreciating China for steering 700 million people out of poverty through industrialization, the Prime Minister said that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would serve as a transit hub for trade and connectivity leading to inclusive and equal growth.

The Prime Minister congratulated the business community for the new airline, which would create competition in the domestic air industry and bring efficiency in services. Terming Sialkot's business community as "most vibrant", the Prime Minister assured to facilitate them by addressing issues related to Federal Board of Revenue, State Bank and utility companies.

The Prime Minister also announced that a university would be setup at Sialkot to train youth in engineering, technology and artificial intelligence.

## FIFTH ROUND OF PAKISTAN-EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

**F**oreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi and High Representative/ Vice President Josep Borrell held the fifth round of Pakistan-EU Strategic Dialogue (virtually) on November 3, 2020.

The two sides agreed to make further efforts for the comprehensive implementation of the Strategic Engagement Plan, signed in June 2019, by strengthening the existing and new institutional mechanisms.

The two sides also issued a Joint Declaration on Afghanistan, which reaffirmed strong support for an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process and welcomed the progress made in the last two years, including the agreement between the US and Taliban.



## SIXTH ROUND OF PAKISTAN-EUROPEAN UNION POLITICAL DIALOGUE

The 6th round of Pakistan-European Union Political Dialogue was held (in virtual format) on 6 October 2020. Foreign Secretary Ambassador Sohail Mahmood and Deputy Secretary General of European External Action Service Enrique Mora (EEAS) led their respective sides.

The Dialogue covered a broad-ranging agenda, including discussions on Pakistan-EU bilateral relations and exchange of views on regional and international issues.

The Foreign Secretary noted the special significance of this round of Political Dialogue, being the first since the signing of the Pakistan-EU Strategic Engagement Plan (SEP) in June 2019.



## GSP PLUS CONTINUES TO BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR PAKISTAN AND EU

Ambassador Zaheer A. Janjua highlighted that GSP Plus continues to be mutually beneficial for Pakistan and the EU. He was participating in the GSP stakeholders' Forum, held at the European Commission in Brussels, on September 29, 2020.

He said that Pakistan's exports to the EU had risen by 65% whereas EU's exports to Pakistan had gone up by 47% since inception of the GSP Plus in 2014.

He emphasised that Pakistan remained committed in fulfilling its obligations under the GSP Plus and has been demonstrating consistent progress in the implementation of the 27 international conventions, duly recorded during each review cycle of the scheme. The event was attended by MEPs, Ambassadors and senior officials of the European Commission.



## PAKISTAN IS THE TOP INVESTMENT FRIENDLY DESTINATION IN THE REGION : AMBASSADOR JANJUA

Pakistan is considered to be the top investment friendly destination in the region because of its investor friendly policies, Ambassador Zaheer A. Janjua said that during a virtual meeting with leading Belgian manufacturing company Ontex Group, on September 22 2020.

He highlighted the incentives offered by the Government of Pakistan to foreign investors.

Ontex President Armando Amselem shared investment plans to increase company's operations in Pakistan



## PAKISTAN - EU TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENTS



Ambassador Janjua interacted with the Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with South Asia, MEP Nicola Procaccini, on December 10 2020.

The Ambassador briefed MEP Procaccini on the existing collaboration between the two sides, especially in trade, investment, education, science & technology, people-to-people contacts, human rights and development cooperation.

They agreed to further strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two sides in diverse fields through collaborative engagements.

## MESSAGE ON THE KING'S DAY



Ambassador Zaheer A. Janjua conveyed felicitations to His Majesty King Philippe and the people of Belgium in a special message on the “Kings day” on November 15, 2020.

Ambassador Janjua also highlighted friendly and cordial relations between Pakistan and Belgium based on shared values, trust and mutual respect. He said that the relations between the people of the two countries were historic, as Pakistanis fought for the defence of Belgium in World War I.

He particularly mentioned Subedar Khudad Khan, who was awarded a Victoria Cross for his gallantry and heroic actions on the frontlines in Ypres.

The Ambassador also emphasised the importance of making joint efforts for strengthening bilateral relations for mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

## VISIT TO THE BRUSSELS HEADQUARTERS OF SOURCING SOLUTIONS PAKISTAN



Ambassador Janjua visited the Brussels headquarters of Sourcing Solutions Europe, on September 21, 2020. He was briefed by MD Imran Rath on the company’s investment plans for enhancing exports.

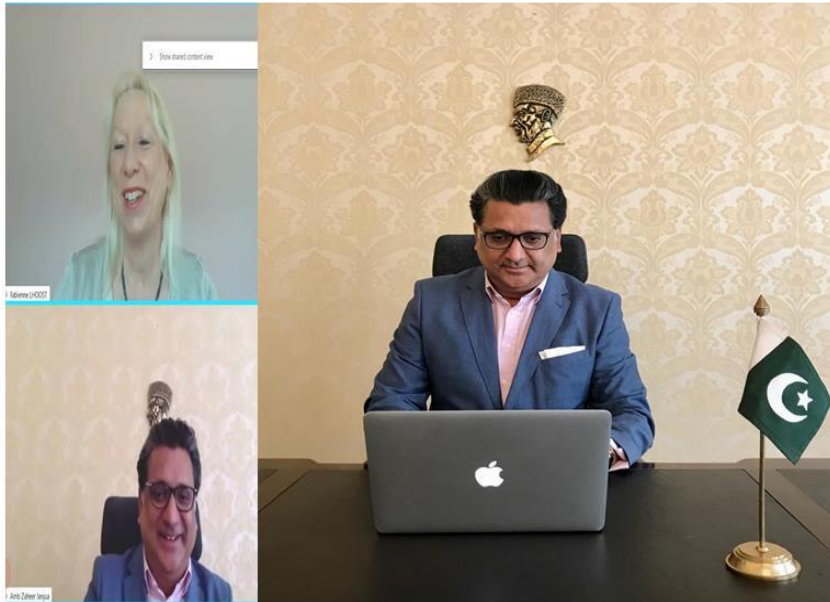
The Ambassador appreciated the establishment of a Product Development Centre by the company in Lahore .



## PAKISTAN-BELGIUM BILATERAL TRADE & INVESTMENT

Ambassador Janjua held an interactive session with Fabienne L'Hoost, DG Belgian Foreign Trade Agency, on September 2 2020. The two discussed promotion of Pakistan-Belgium bilateral trade and investment.

The Ambassador extended an invitation to the Belgium Foreign Trade Agency to organise a trade mission to Pakistan.



## VISIT TO THE BELGIUM HEADQUARTER OF TEXPAK

As part of the efforts to enhance trade and business ties, Ambassador Janjua visited the headquarters of Belgian company TexPak and met the Board of Directors.

He was briefed on the company's future expansion plans in Pakistan.

TaxPak has invested in Pakistan's textile sector with three units producing apparel in Lahore. The company employs a workforce of 2300 Pakistani, out of which 87 percent are women.



## MEETING WITH CEO CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE DE BRUXELLES (BECI)

Ambassador Janjua had a fruitful and productive meeting with Mr. Oliver Willocx, CEO of Chambre de Commerce de Bruxelles (BECI).

The two agreed to work together to further enhance economic and trade cooperation between Pakistan and Belgium.



## PAK ENVOY'S INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH YOUNG PAKISTANI ENTREPRENEURS

Ambassador Janjua held a productive interactive session with young Pakistani entrepreneurs, Hamza, Aheed and Sania, from the Khans Group, Belgium.

The session focused on investment opportunities and potential for enhancing Pakistan-Belgium Trade.



## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD PLAY ITS ROLE IN IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF INDIAN SIEGE OF IIOJK

In a special message on the 1st Anniversary of India's military siege of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the Ambassador of Pakistan to Belgium, Luxembourg and European Union, Zaheer A. Janjua, issued a special video message.

The Ambassador noted that it had been one year since the Indian government changed the special status of the Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in complete disregard and violation of international law and the UN Security Council Resolutions.

Ambassador Janjua highlighted the Indian government's additional steps to consolidate its illegal occupation by introducing a series of new domicile regulations to change the demographic structure of the illegally occupied territory.

He emphasized that the current Indian leadership was bent upon perpetuating its illegal occupation by brutally crushing the quest of the Kashmiri people for their fundamental rights, especially the right to self-determination, enshrined in the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

The Ambassador said that by taking advantage of the world community's preoccupation with the COVID-19 pandemic, Indian forces further intensified their inhumane crackdown and military siege.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN

The Independence Day of Pakistan was observed with patriotic zeal and spirit at Pakistan Embassy, Brussels, on August 14, 2020.

The national flag was hoisted by Ambassador Zaheer A. Janjua during the ceremony.

The special messages of the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan were also read out at the occasion.

Keeping in view the COVID 19 pandemic, all necessary SOPs were observed in the graceful ceremony at the Chancery with participation of the Embassy officials.



# GLOBAL PRESS EVENT ON CLIMATE ACTION

The Embassy of Pakistan in Belgium, representing the Government of Pakistan, participated in the longest ever global press event about Climate Action, on October 23, 2020.

A documentary on Prime Minister Imran Khan's Clean Green Pakistan Initiative was screened for the global audience during the virtual event.

The event featured statements by various Heads of States and Ministers, debates and videos of success stories on positive actions and innovations from around the world.

The event was organized by the Brussels Press Club and World Press Club Alliance Initiative, in partnership with 120 Press Clubs around the world with their 23,000 member journalists.



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**TOPICS**  
green deal, agriculture, resilience, mobility, water, fishery, food, zero waste, buildings, biodiversity, urban farming, food waste, upcycling, climate action, recycling, energy, economy, doughnut, economics, youth, clothing, construction, solar energy, funding

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner

**UPCOMING Conferences [ GMT+0200 ]**

- 02H28 | GMT +2 | Debate on the National climate actions plan in Papua New Guinea
- 02H50 | GMT +2 | Singapore climate change stories by the Singapore Press Club
- 03H05 | GMT +2 | Actions of the Clean Green Pakistan Movement**
- 03H20 | GMT +2 | Kazakhstan climate initiatives by the International Green Technologies and Investments Center
- 04H00 | GMT +2 | Georgia : Ecotourism as driver for sustainable development
- 05H00 | GMT +2 | 'From Russia - the new generation's global call to action'
- 05H10 | GMT +2 | What future for the Aral Sea in Uzbekistan
- 06H00 | GMT +2 | Israel's most remarkable Energy, Agriculture and Food innovations



## MESSAGE OF THE AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTANI COMMUNITY IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG ON SECOND WAVE OF COVID -19

محرم زکیو نئی ممبران - السلام وعلیہم



کرونا وائرس کی دوسری لہر نے یورپ کے بیشتر ممالک خصوصاً بیلجیم اور لکسمبرگ کو اپنی گرفت میں لیا ہوا ہے۔ تیزی سے بڑھتے ہوئے کرونا کیسز کے پیش نظر بیلجیم اور لکسمبرگ کی حکومتوں نے نئے اقدامات متعارف کروائے ہیں۔

ان اقدامات پر مکمل عمل پیرا ہونا ہم سب کی صحت کی حفاظت اور اخلاقی و معاشرتی ذمہ داری ہے۔ کرونا وائرس کا علاج دریافت کرنے کی بین الاقوامی کوششیں جاری ہیں اور جب تک اس کا علاج دریافت نہیں ہوتا احتیاطی سب سے موثر روا ہے۔ اس ضمن میں آپ سے امید ہے کہ آپ بیلجیم اور لکسمبرگ کی حکومتوں کی طرف سے متعارف کروائے گئے تمام اقدامات پر عمل پیرا ہوں گے۔

اس غیر یقینی صورتحال میں سب سے اہم بات یہ ہے کہ آپ خود کو اور اپنے اہل و عیال کو وائرس سے محفوظ رکھنے پر توجہ دیں۔ غیر ضروری سفر اور ملنے جلنے سے اجتناب کریں اور تمام احتیاطی تدابیر پر عمل کریں۔

بد قسمتی سے بیلجیم میں سینکڑوں اموات ہوئی ہیں اور ان میں کچھ پاکستانی بھی شامل ہیں۔ میں وفات پانے والے حضرات کے لواحقین سے تعزیت کرتا ہوں اور اللہ تعالیٰ کے حضور ان کی مغفرت اور بلند درجات کا طلبگار ہوں۔ میرے علم میں ہے کہ کچھ پاکستانی کیونٹی کے افراد بھی اس وقت کرونا وائرس سے متاثر ہیں۔ میں ان کی جلد صحتیابی کے لئے دعا گو ہوں۔

میں اور تمام سفارت خانہ اس مشکل وقت میں آپ کے ساتھ کھڑے ہیں اور آپ کی خدمت کے لئے ہمہ وقت موجود ہیں۔ کسی بھی قسم کی مدد کے لئے آپ سفارت خانے کی ویب سائٹ پر دیئے گئے ٹیلی فون نمبرز، ای میل اور کیونٹی واٹس ایپ گروپ کے ذریعے رابطہ کر سکتے ہیں۔

میری دعا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ ہم سب کو محفوظ اور صحتمند رکھے، آمین۔

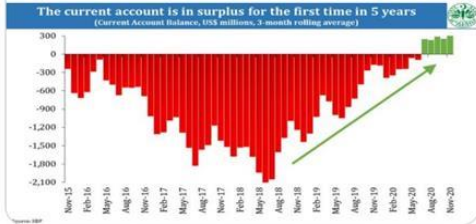
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# # TWITTER



**Dr. Arif Alvi** @ArifAlvi · 22 Dec 2020  
 Good. Excellent chart showing Pakistan's progress towards overcoming a deficit (in the red) current account balance, towards a positive, (into the green... our natural colors) current account surplus.

**SBP** @StateBank\_Pak · 22 Dec 2020  
 1/3 In Nov20, the current account surplus rose further to \$447 mn against a deficit of \$326 mn in Nov19. So far in FY21, the surplus has reached \$1.6 bn compared to a deficit of \$1.7 bn over the same period last year. For details, see [sbp.org.pk/ecodata/Balanc...](http://sbp.org.pk/ecodata/Balanc...)  
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15 replies, 94 retweets, 542 likes



**Dr. Arif Alvi** @ArifAlvi · 30 Dec 2020  
 بھارت میں مساجد کی بے حرمتی بڑھتی جا رہی ہے، نیچے اندور کا ویڈیو دیکھیں۔ اقلیتیں بلخصوص مسلمان خود کو الگ اور خوف زدہ محسوس کر رہے ہیں۔ بی جے پی/مودی حکومت کی فاشزم بھارت کو صرف ہندوؤں کا ملک بنانے کا باعث بن رہی ہے۔  
[indianexpress.com/article/india/...](http://indianexpress.com/article/india/...)



**Dr. Arif Alvi** @ArifAlvi · 30 Dec 2020  
 Mosques continue to be vandalised in India, this time in Indore. Minorities specially Muslims must be feeling isolated & scared. This fascism under BJP/Modi regime is leading to saffronisation of Bharat.  
[indianexpress.com/article/india/...](http://indianexpress.com/article/india/...)  
 See this video:

**Madhya Pradesh - Mosque Vandalised By Saffron Terrorists**  
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

50 replies, 157 retweets, 491 likes



**Imran Khan** @ImrankhanPTI  
 Replying to @ImrankhanPTI

Already, in 2020 alone, there have been 3000 Indian ceasefire violations along the LoC & Working Boundary, by unprovoked firing deliberately targeting civilians - resulting in 276 casualties, of which 92 were women & 68 children.

1:24 pm · 20 Dec 2020 · Twitter for Android



**Imran Khan** @ImrankhanPTI

MashaAllah despite Covid 19 great news on economy - remarkable turnaround. Current account surplus again in Nov: \$447 mn. For fiscal year so far, surplus is \$1.6 bn as opposed to deficit of \$1.7bn same period last yr. SBP's FX reserves have risen to about \$13 bn, highest in 3 yrs

5:07 am · 22 Dec 2020 · Twitter for Android

5.3K Retweets, 295 Quote Tweets, 32.5K Likes



**Imran Khan** @ImrankhanPTI

I want to thank our great asset, Overseas Pakistanis. MashaAllah funds sent by them through [#RoshanDigitalAccounts](#) created by SBP crossed \$200 mn yesterday. The pace is accelerating: first \$100 mn came in 76 days & the next \$100 mn came in only 28 days.

**Roshan Digital Accounts**  
 State Bank of Pakistan  
[sbp.org.pk](http://sbp.org.pk)

5:04 am · 24 Dec 2020 · Twitter for Android

3.8K Retweets, 157 Quote Tweets, 22K Likes



**Shah Mahmood Qureshi** @SMQ... · 10 Dec  
 No surprises as worlds largest disinfo network exposed w/ India sitting atop. 15 yr global disinfo campaign designed in attempt to discredit internationally & influence global decision making. 'Incredible', powered by fascist ideals & disinfo that even puts Goebbels to shame

**EU DisinfoLab** @DisinfoEU · 9 Dec  
 REVEALED: Indian Chronicles – how a massive 15-year influence operation successfully targeted the EU & UN with 750+ fake local media and 10+ zombie-NGOs.  
 Executive Summary & full report: [indianchronicles.eu](http://indianchronicles.eu)  
 Here are the facts (1/n)  
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114 replies, 1.4K retweets, 4K likes



**Shah Mahmood Qureshi** @SMQureshi... · 5h  
 As we close the door on an unprecedented 2020, we reflect on Pakistan's commitment to a world that is more peaceful, prosperous, connected & collaborative. A Pakistan that stands for stability & humanity. Wishing you all a Happy, Safe & Healthy New Year.



**Shah Mahmood Qureshi** @SMQur... · 9 Nov  
 Today, on the 1st anniv of historic opening of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, we reflect on the Peace Corridor as a manifestation of commitment to interfaith harmony & religious unity. Inaugurated on eve of 550th Birth Anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak, it is indeed a corridor of Hope



112 replies, 567 retweets, 5.5K likes

# # TWITTER

**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Jul 20  
 To celebrate the national day of 🇧🇪, Embassy of 🇧🇪 Brussels organized a webinar on the July 21, 2018 scaling of K2 summit by Paul Hegge. An accomplished climber, he has the distinction of being the first & only Belgian to achieve this feat. @BelgiumMFA @PhGoffin



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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Aug 7  
 Had a fruitful & productive meeting with @Owillcox, CEO of @BECL\_Brussels. We discussed ways and means to enhance economic & trade cooperation post COVID-19.



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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Aug 24  
 My interactive session with young Pakistani entrepreneurs from the Khans Group 🇧🇪, Hamza, Aheed and Sania, was useful & productive. Discussed investment opportunities and potential for enhancing 🇧🇪 🇪🇺 trade.



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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Sep 2  
 Had an interactive session with Fabienne L'Hoost, DG 🇧🇪 Foreign Trade Agency @BEmissionBFTA on promoting 🇧🇪 🇪🇺 bilateral trade and investment. Extended an invitation to organise a 🇧🇪 trade mission to 🇪🇺.

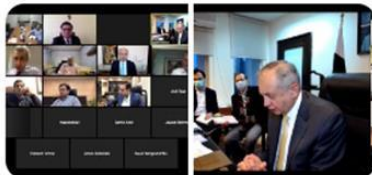


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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Nov 10  
 Had an important interaction with SA delegation of @Europarl\_EN on Gender Equality Efforts in South Asia. Grateful to Chair @NProcaccini, vice chair @evelyn\_regner & @samiraraf MEP for their frank & candid contributions in the discourse.



**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · 8 Dec 2020  
 Meaningful exchange of views with Honorable @razak\_dawood and members of 🇧🇪 Business Council. Discussed ways to strengthen 🇧🇪 🇪🇺 trade & investment relations & steps to enhance exports to 🇪🇺



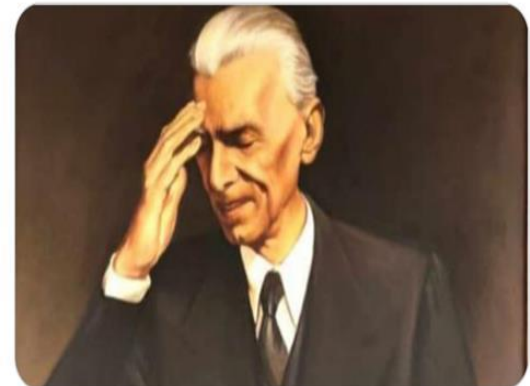
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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Dec 24  
 Merry Christmas to all my Christian friends. May this day bring you joy and happiness. God bless.



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**Amb. Zaheer Janjua** @zjanjua · Dec 25  
 Greetings to all Pakistanis on 144th birthday of the Father of the Nation.



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