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## National Day of Russia

A special event was organized under the auspices of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, with the participation of federal ministers, Pakistani politicians and foreign ambassadors.

Ambassador of the Russian Federation Albert Khoreev is determined to further strengthen the friendly relations between the people of Russia and Pakistan.

On the occasion of the National Day of Russia, the Embassy of the Russian Federation organized a big event in a local hotel in Islamabad, in which the Ambassador of the Russian Federation Albert Khoreev, Minister of Defense of Pakistan Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister of Petroleum Mossadegh Malik, Minister of Industry and The production was attended by Rana Tanvir Hussain, Members of the National Assembly Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Ambassador of



Azerbaijan Khizr Farhadov, Honorary Consul of Russia in Lahore Habib Ahmad including Pakistani community members, Russian citizens, business leaders and media representatives.

The ceremony on the national day began with the national anthems of Russia and Pakistan, symbolizing the special relationship between the two countries. Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Albert Khoreev, delivered a warm welcome speech, thanked the guests and discussed the sustainable relations

between Pakistan and Russia. On May 1, 1948, the Soviet Union and Pakistan officially established diplomatic relations. In 2023, bilateral trade has crossed a historic milestone, exceeding 1 billion dollars and continues to grow. We are committed to further strengthening the friendly relations between the peoples of Russia and Pakistan. Russia - Pakistan Friendship long live!

Federal Minister Petroleum Mossadegh Malik extended heartfelt greetings on behalf of the government and people of Pakistan on the

National Day of Russia. He highlighted the longstanding cultural, economic and trade ties between the two countries and appreciated Russia's steadfast support during Pakistan's energy crisis. Federal Minister for Petroleum Mossadegh Malik recalled his recent visit to Russia where he experienced the country's rich history, literature and architecture. He reiterated Pakistan's determination to strengthen friendship with Russia for the benefit of both countries. Ambassador of Russian Federation Albert Khoreev and Federal Minister Mossadegh Malik, Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khizr Farhadov and Anjum Aqeel Khan along with the national representatives of Russia and Pakistan.

A cake was cut at the end of the ceremony decorated with flags. On this occasion, unity and sympathy between the nations was expressed. On this occasion, a dinner with Russian and Pakistani food was given in honor of the guests.





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The founder of the Russian language, the great Russian poet and writer Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, and the World Day of the Russian Language are celebrated every year on June 6. The Russian Federation celebrated the 225th birthday of Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, the founder of the Russian language, the great Russian poet and writer.

On June 6, 1799, the great Russian poet and writer, Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, the founder of the modern Russian language, was born. His literary achievements not only ushered in the golden age of literature in Russia, but also left a profound impact on literature around the world. In recognition of Pushkin's contributions to Russian culture and the common heritage of human civilization, the United Nations celebrates the Russian Language Day on June 6 every year.

Honorary Consul General of Russia in Lahore Mr. Habib Ahmed and Honorary Consul

## **Birth anniversary of Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, founder of Russian language, great Russian poet and writer.**

General of Russia in Peshawar Mr. the support of Muhammad Arsla Khan Association of Pakistan celebrated the 225th Graduates of Russia and birthday of Alexander CIS countries and



National University of Modern Languages. Organized an online event in which the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Albert Khuriev, also participated and expressed his views. The Russian ambassador to Pakistan, Albert Khoreev, thanked all the participants in the poetry competition held on the occasion of the 225th anniversary of Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, saying that they showed their interest in Russian culture and Pushkin. We appreciate your attachment to inspiring poetry. On this occasion, the message of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Sergei Lavrov, was also read out, while the participants of the ceremony recited their favorite poems selected by Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin.

At the end of the ceremony, the position holders participating in the poetry competition of Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin were announced, in which the category "My mother tongue" was won by Sofia Naviduna Mohammad, second



position by Artem Aleksandrovich Felon and third position by Anastasia Eugenivna Shakir. In the category "Appreciator of Russian Language", the first position was won by

Muhammad Syed, second position by Sabria Manzoorna Gujjar and third position by Muhammad Sulaiman Manzoorovich Gujjar. Ali Shahzadane got it.





# National day of Portugal

A special event was organized in Pakistan with full participation of national, political, military and business Pakistanis.  
The Ambassador of Portugal reiterated his commitment to deepen relations with Pakistan.

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To celebrate Portugal's National Day in a grand manner, a special ceremony was organized in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, just like in other parts of the world. The event saw the participation of Portuguese Ambassador Manuel Frederico Pinheiro da Silva, Federal Minister for Housing Riaz Hussain Pirzada,

Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Director General ISPR Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Senator Sherry Rehman, renowned philanthropist and businessman Isphanyar Bhandara, and Consul of Portugal Iftikhar Firoz along with members of the

diplomatic community, Pakistani government officials, business representatives, and friends of Portugal. The ceremony began with the national anthems of both Portugal and Pakistan, symbolizing the unity and respect between the two countries.

In his speech, Ambassador Manuel Frederico Pinheiro da Silva highlighted Portugal's illustrious history and the strong diplomatic relations between Portugal and Pakistan. He emphasized the long-standing and friendly relations based on trust and cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador da Silva noted that as the



westernmost country in Europe, Portugal has a long history facing the Atlantic Ocean and the archipelagos of Madeira and Azores. Quoting the famous seventeenth-century Portuguese Jesuit Antonio Vieira, he said, "God gave the Portuguese a small country as cradle but all the world as their grave." Reflecting on Portugal's history, the Ambassador said, "After 300 years of defining and solidifying its institutions, territory, linguistic and cultural identity, in 1415 Portugal embarked on a new adventure with a strategic vision. A country of farmers, fishermen, and traders decided to challenge the unknown south."

Ambassador da Silva elaborated that from 1415, when the Portuguese settled in Ceuta, North Africa, to 1542, when they arrived in Japan, Portuguese fleets established maritime routes connecting all continents for the first time. He proudly mentioned, "The Portuguese were the first to sail south down the

Atlantic Ocean, the first Europeans to pass the Equator, to circumnavigate the African continent, and to sail into Asia."

Regarding the Ukraine conflict, the Ambassador stated, "It is crucial to remember that sovereignty and territorial integrity are the cornerstone of the international system. Russia's unjustified war against Ukraine creates a very dangerous precedent for the rest of the world; it must be stopped."

On the Middle East conflict, Ambassador da Silva expressed Portugal's strong stance, stating, "Portugal strongly condemns the ongoing Israeli offensive in Rafah and is gravely concerned about the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation. We consider the recognition of the Palestinian State an important step, choosing the best timing and context to maximize its effect and send a positive political message to both parties. We are very supportive of the vital

role played by UNRWA, having not only maintained but reinforced our financial contributions to its activities."

Ambassador da Silva also shared his experiences traveling across Pakistan, mentioning visits to Lahore, Karachi, Faisalabad, Peshawar, Nowshera, Abbottabad, Murree, Taxila, Chilas, and Gilgit-Baltistan. He remarked, "The beauty of nature, the depth and diversity of the historical and cultural fabric, and the majesty of the architectural and urban monuments have become precious memories. However, the most impactful impression has been from my contact with the Pakistani people. Their natural kindness and warm sense of hospitality are real treasures that I very much appreciate."

The event at the Portuguese Embassy underscored the enduring friendship between Portugal and Pakistan and the shared values that bind the two nations.



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To celebrate the 126th Independence Day of the Philippines, the embassy organized a special ceremony attended by Ambassador Maria Agnes M. Cervantes, Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, former Senator Syed Mushahid Hussain, former Member of National Assembly Zamurrad Khan, ASEAN families, Pakistani government and military officials, and representatives from other countries. The embassy proudly and joyously commemorated the national day, featuring traditional dances and songs. Performances by Filipino artists in traditional attire captivated the guests, who applauded enthusiastically. The event also included a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the Philippines' Independence Day and highlighted the strong diplomatic relations and friendship between the Philippines and ASEAN countries.

In her keynote address, Ambassador Maria Agnes M. Cervantes reflected on the history of

# Philippines Independence Day

The National Day of the Philippines was celebrated in Islamabad in a grand manner and was attended by prominent personalities. The 75th anniversary of Philippine-Pakistan relations was also celebrated, with the ceremony highlighting the enduring friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

her country's independence and development. She noted that this special event allows us to honor the bravery, resilience, and unwavering spirit of our ancestors. She mentioned that the Philippines declared its independence on June 12, 1898, marking a new era of self-determination. The nation commemorates this day by remembering the sacrifices and bravery of its forefathers who fought for the survival of their nation, culture, history, and, above all, their pride and sovereignty. She stated that "freedom symbolizes the hard-won liberty achieved by our ancestors, the future

represents our commitment to building a prosperous nation, and history reflects our glorious past."

"Our fight for freedom demonstrated our unwavering spirit and desire for self-determination. Despite many challenges, we have always emerged stronger, committed to justice. We are reminded of our responsibilities as guardians of the freedom for which our ancestors struggled. It is our duty to preserve this legacy by promoting unity, fostering peace, and working for the common good."

Ambassador Maria Agnes M. Cervantes

highlighted the strong diplomatic relations between our countries, built over the past seven and a half decades on mutual respect, shared values, and a commitment to bilateral cooperation. She said this enduring partnership has promoted economic cooperation, cultural exchanges, and mutual support for the international system.

Ambassador Maria Agnes M. Cervantes thanked the Pakistani

people for their friendship and support on behalf of her embassy. She stated that the Philippines, along with the global community, believes in peace in the world and ensures that the legacy of the past influences our future. The ambassador expressed her gratitude for the warm and hospitable environment provided by the host country, Pakistan. This year also marked the 75th anniversary of relations

between the Philippines and Pakistan, highlighting the enduring friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Pakistani Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh congratulated the people and government of the Philippines on their national day and expressed Pakistan's desire to enhance political relations as well as trade and economic cooperation with the Philippines.





## Report

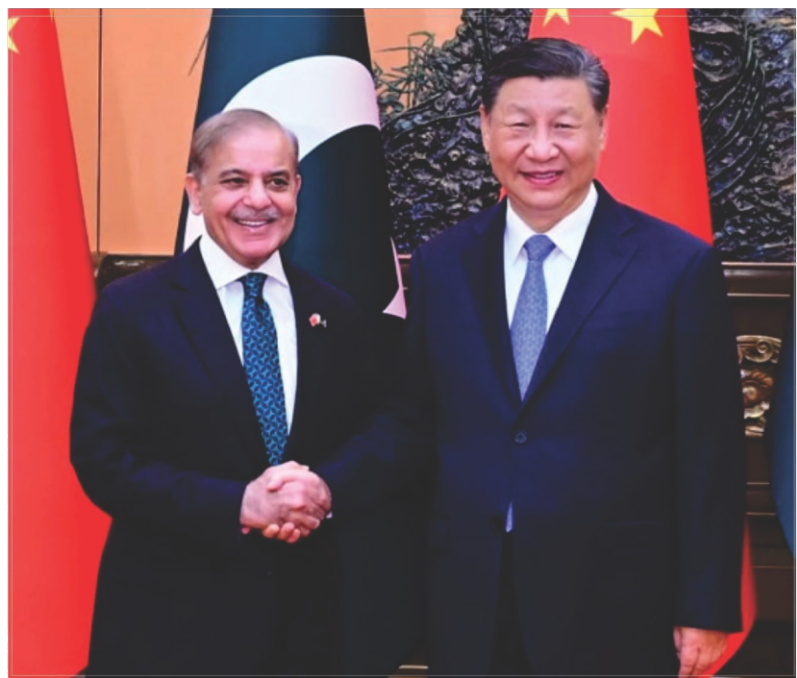
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Pakistan-China friendship is historically based on strong and deep relations, which both countries are strengthening through cooperation in various fields. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met with Chinese President Xi Jinping and other top officials to further expand bilateral relations and discussed the economic, trade and strategic relations between the two countries, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Emphasis was placed on expediting the (CPEC) projects related to China - Pakistan Economic Corridor, transport infrastructure, agriculture, industry, intergovernmental cooperation, market surveillance, geographical survey and mapping, media, film and television etc. Signed 23 cooperation documents. During this visit, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif also visited Shenzhen, Xi'an and other cities. He praised China's achievements in economic and social development and

## Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's visit to China

23 cooperation documents related to Pakistan-China Economic Corridor, transport infrastructure, agriculture, industry, inter-governmental assistance, market surveillance, geographical survey and mapping, media, film and television etc. were signed.

expressed his willingness to strengthen the exchange of experience in governance with China. The government of Pakistan will provide 1,000 youths to take full advantage of China's innovation and development in the agricultural sector. will be sent to China for professional training in this field, while the well-known Chinese company Huawei will provide technical and professional training in





various fields of information technology to 2 lakh Pakistani youth every year.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China further strengthened Pakistan-China friendship and paved the way for the mutual cooperation between the two countries to reach new heights. As a result of this visit, joint projects and cooperation agreements were concluded in various fields, which will

be important for the development and prosperity of both countries in the future.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif has declared his visit to China as very successful and said that the second phase of C P E C will be implemented quickly, its fruits will reach the people in the near future. He said that no force can weaken the iron friendship between China and Pakistan and Pakistan

will become China's most reliable friend and partner.

China has strengthened itself economically so much that no country can defeat China now, apparently America is called the superpower of the world, while the future superpower will be China. This is the reason why China is improving its relations not only with Pakistan but with all the neighboring countries. Starting economic





projects.

In the Asian region, Pakistan is a very important country for China. If China wants to deliver its products to any country in the world, Pakistan is geographically very important for China. China gained access to this region of Pakistan through friendship. There is no doubt that an economically weak country like Pakistan was looking for support and that support in the form of China strengthened Pakistan and brought the interests of both countries closer to each other.

America feels that China

is a threat to itself, so it has always tried to keep the environment bad by interfering in countries that have friendly relations with China.

The targeting of Chinese engineers by terrorist activities inside Pakistan is the link of the same chain of forces that want to spoil the relations between Pakistan and China. Daran expressed concerns about the security of Chinese officials in Pakistan and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif assured him of further improving the security of Chinese officials.

If Pakistan wants

Chinese investment, it must address the concerns of its best friend China and strengthen the security of Chinese officials and strictly crush those terrorist forces who want to spoil Pakistan-China relations. Instead of interfering in the affairs of political parties, institutions should keep an eye on such terrorists and crush them immediately who want to weaken Pakistan economically and geographically. Pakistan is the best country in the world geographically. If it is done, investors from all over the world including China will prefer to invest in Pakistan.