



EMBASSY of  
**THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**  
in WASHINGTON DC



**MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR JILANI**

The Month of May provided us with an opportunity to showcase the rich culture and heritage of Pakistan. This year, once again, we participated in DC's annual 'Around the World Embassy Tour'. A huge number of culture enthusiasts flocked the Embassy to get a taste of Pakistani culture, cuisine, music, history, and arts and crafts. Towards the effort of promoting culture, the embassy also hosted an evening with world-renowned masters of Qawwali Sufi music, Farid Ayaz, Abu Muhammad & Brothers

Qawwal which was a heavily attended and hugely successful event.

I am pleased to announce that in accordance with Prime Minister, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's vision and instructions to upgrade and improve the quality of services extended to the Pakistani community, the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington DC and Pakistan's Consulates General in Chicago and Houston have started processing Machine Readable Passports (MRPs). All Pakistan missions in the United States will now be issuing MRPs. This step will go a long way in facilitating the Pakistani community and protecting their interests since effective 24 November 2015, foreign governments will grant visa or entry only on MRPs in pursuance of the standards and recommended practices of International Civil Aviation Organization.

In some more good news a One Window Facilitation Desk has started working at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport. Monitored by the ombudsman office the one window facility at Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi airports will tackle overseas Pakistanis' complaints relating to at least 12 federal government departments and provide them with needed information on their arrival.

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Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security & Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz in a meeting with Ambassador Dan Feldman, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan

The U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (SRAP) Daniel Feldman called on Sartaj Aziz, the Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs. The discussions covered Pakistan-US bilateral relations and the regional situation. The Adviser noted the positive direction of ongoing cooperation between the two countries especially in the areas of Defence, Economy and Energy sectors and underscored the comprehensive measures taken by Pakistan to counter terrorism and extremism. He also briefed the U.S. SRAP about the improvement in Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan and the current status of relations with India. Ambassador Daniel Feldman expressed deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by Pakistan in the efforts to root out terrorism and extremism and the success achieved so far.

**THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN PRESENTS AROUND THE WORLD  
EMBASSY TOUR IN COLLABORATION WITH PASSPORT D.C**

The Embassy of Pakistan participated in an annual feature of DC, "Passport D.C. Around the World Embassy Tour." Culture enthusiasts and tourists got an opportunity to experience many creative dimensions of life in both contemporary Pakistan and the ancient civilizations of the region. Thousands visited the embassy to have a glance into the past and present of Pakistan. A series of photographs depicting history of the country from ancient Indus and Gandhara cultures to the Mughal era architecture gave a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the country. On display were works of art, pictures, crafts, ornaments, traditional costumes from all provinces of Pakistan and photos of monuments, representing the multicultural heritage of the country that got fulsome laudation of the visitor's. Mrs. Ambassador, Shaista Jilani, met with participants, and said that the Embassy Tour event provided an opportunity to introduce and promote rich culture and softer image of the country. A colorfully decorated Pakistani rickshaw with messages of cultural affinity, peaceful coexistence, and humanity drew special attention of visitors of all ages, who took photographs with it. The visitors including the younger generation of Pakistani-Americans enjoyed traditional Pakistani cuisine and had the opportunity to watch documentaries on life and culture in Pakistan. Folk music and traditional dances remained a central attraction on the occasion.

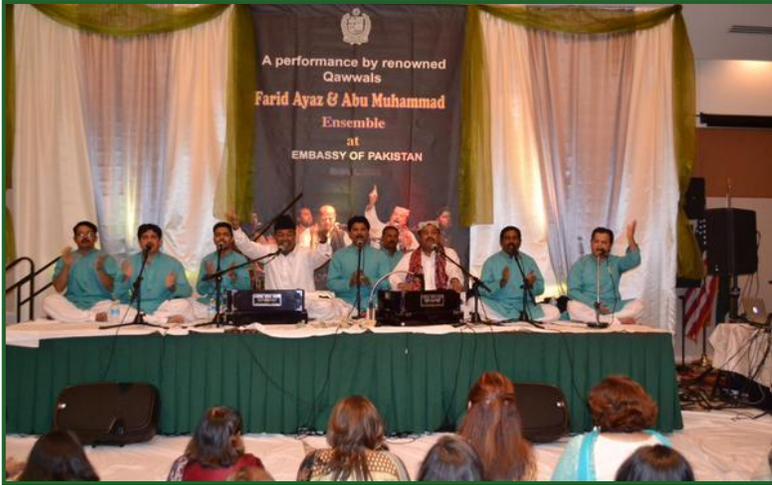
Video: [http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/Passport\\_dC\\_%2005022015\\_Embassy\\_event.php](http://embassyofpakistanusa.org/Passport_dC_%2005022015_Embassy_event.php)



Ambassador met with Senator Angus King and briefed on the state of play in the bilateral relationship.



## THE EMBASSY WELCOMES FARID AYAZ AND ABU MUHAMMAD FOR A QAWWALI NIGHT



AMBASSADOR JILANI WITH A GROUP OF PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS VISITING THE US UNDER THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

AMBASSADOR JILANI WITH A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS VISITING THE US UNDER ICFJ'S EXCHANGE PROGRAM



## NOTICE

### FACILITY-AIRPORT - ONE WINDOW FACILITATION DESK AT ISLAMABAD AIRPORT STARTS OPERATING FOR EXPATRIATES

A One Window Facilitation Desk has started working at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport to help overseas Pakistanis sort out grievances relating to at least 12 federal government departments. One Window facility will be operational round the clock and will be manned by staff from Civil Aviation Authority, Federal Board of Revenue, Federal Investigation Agency, Overseas Pakistani Foundation, Overseas Employment Corporation, Immigration and Passport, Ministry of Religious Affairs, National Database and Regulatory Authority, PIA, Airport Security and Anti- Narcotics Force and Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment. Monitored the by ombudsman office the one window facility at Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi airports will tackle complaints from overseas Pakistanis and provide them with needed information on their arrival. The toll free Ombudsman help line is open around the clock and can be reached at 0092+51+1055.



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