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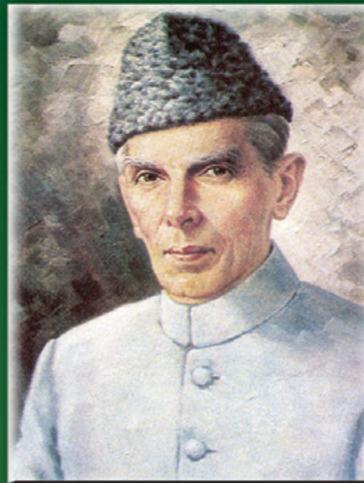


*On this joyous occasion of Pakistan Day, we at Al Wakeel Group proudly extend our warmest greetings to our Pakistani brothers and sisters in Qatar and in Pakistan. May this day be filled with joy, pride, and unity, and may Pakistan continue to flourish in peace and prosperity.*

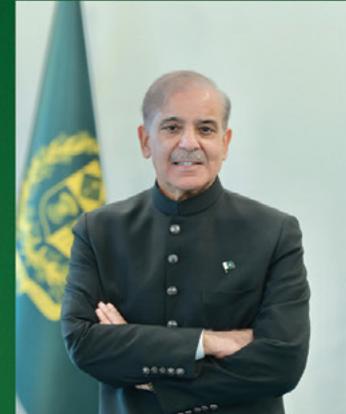
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**Asif Ali Zardari**  
President

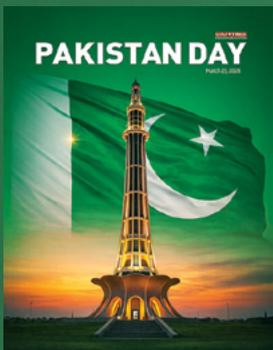


**Quaid-e-Azam**  
Muhammad Ali Jinnah  
Father of the Nation



**Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif**  
Prime Minister

## Ambassador's Message



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**O**n this auspicious occasion of Pakistan Day, I extend my heartiest felicitations to all my fellow compatriots living here in Qatar.

Today, we commemorate the historic Lahore Resolution of 1940, a landmark moment where our forefathers, under the visionary leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, resolved to carve out a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our independence and the immense responsibility we carry to uphold the ideals of Unity, Faith, and Discipline.

As we celebrate this 86th anniversary, I want to express my profound gratitude to the Pakistani diaspora. Your hard work, resilience, and unwavering patriotism are the bedrock of our nation's strength abroad. You are the true ambassadors of Pakistan, contributing not only to the progress of your host country but also playing a pivotal role in the economic development of our beloved homeland.

Over the past year, we have seen remarkable growth in our bilateral trade, investment, and cultural exchanges. Our bilateral relationship with the State of Qatar has reached new heights, characterized by an unprecedented frequency of high-level engagements that reflect our deep-rooted fraternal ties. We were honoured by the recent official visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to Doha on February 23-24, 2026. During his meeting with His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the two leaders agreed to elevate our economic cooperation to a 'higher strategic levels', focusing on transformative investments in energy, trade, and infrastructure.

In a historic show of unity, the Prime Minister visited Doha twice in September 2025, first to express unwavering solidarity with Qatar following regional security developments and later to participate in the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit hosted by the Qatari leadership.

On this day, let us renew our pledge to continue to represent the true image of Pakistan through honesty, integrity, and



professional dedication, foster even deeper ties of friendship and cooperation between Pakistan and Qatar and remain actively engaged in the betterment of our country through your skills, knowledge, and investment. On this momentous day, we also celebrate the enduring and multifaceted relationship between Pakistan and Qatar. Our bond is built on a solid foundation of mutual respect, shared values, and a common vision for regional peace and stability.

Happy Pakistan Day!  
Pakistan Zindabad  
Long live Pakistan-Qatar friendship.

**Muhammad Aamer**  
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar.

# PAKISTAN - QATAR BILATERAL RELATIONS



## Visit of President Asif Ali Zardari from 4-6 November 2025 to Attend the Second World Summit for Social Development

President Asif Ali Zardari undertook an official visit to Doha from 3–6 November 2025 to participate in the World Summit for Social Development, hosted by the State of Qatar under the auspices of the United Nations framework on sustainable development.

On the sidelines of the summit, President Zardari held meetings with Qatari leadership and other international counterparts. Discussions focused on expanding bilateral cooperation in areas such as investment, agriculture, food security and defense collaboration.



His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Highness Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, on the sidelines of the Second Social Development Summit in Doha.



His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, called on His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



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His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, on the sidelines of the Second Social Development Summit in Doha.



His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Abdul Latif Rashid, President of the Republic of Iraq, on the sidelines of the Second Social Development Summit in Doha.



His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressing the Second Social Development Summit held in Doha.



His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the sidelines of the Second Social Development Summit in Doha.

## Visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, 11 September 2025

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif undertook a fraternal and solidarity visit to Qatar on 11 September 2025 to express Pakistan's solidarity with the Qatari leadership and people following the Israeli strike in Doha. During the visit, the Prime Minister held talks with His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, arrives in Doha, State of Qatar, to reaffirm Pakistan's solidarity with Qatar following the unwarranted and illegal Israeli attacks on the brotherly State of Qatar.



His Excellency Nasser bin Faisal bin Khalifa Al Thani, Director General of the Al Jazeera Media Network, called on His Excellency Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Doha.



His Highness Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, receives His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, at the Amiri Diwan in Doha.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, called on His Highness Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, in Doha.

## Visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to attend the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit-September 2025

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visited Doha again in mid-September 2025 to participate in an Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit convened to discuss regional developments following the Israeli strike in Doha and the broader Gaza conflict.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, arrives in Doha to attend the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit, September 2025.



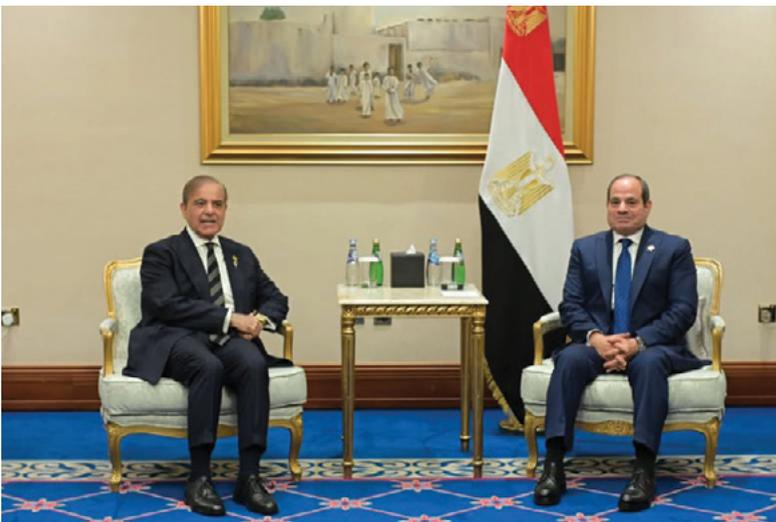
His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressing the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha, September 2025.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the sidelines of the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha, 15 September 2025.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Masoud Pezeshkian, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the sidelines of the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha, September 2025.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the sidelines of the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha, Qatar, 15 September 2025.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Majesty Abdullah II, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the sidelines of the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha, Qatar, 15 September 2025.

## Visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, 23-24 February 2026

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif visited the State of Qatar on 23–24 February 2026, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Federal Minister Attaullah Tarar, Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi and senior officials.

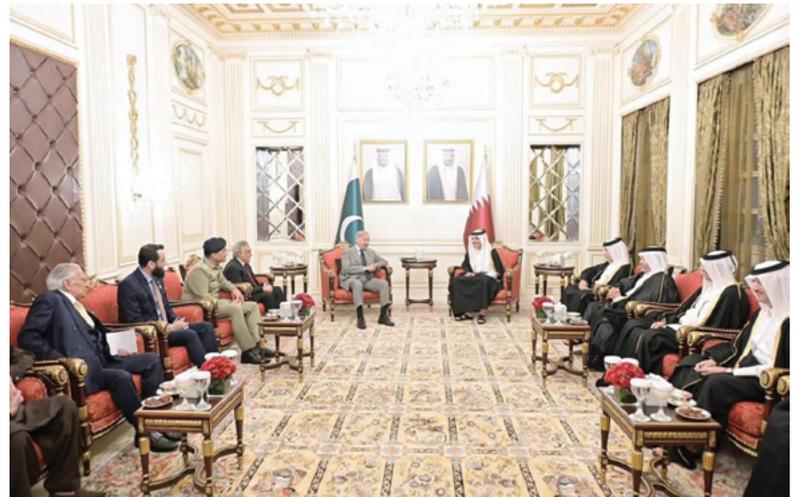
The Prime Minister called on His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar and held talks with Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani. Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in trade, investment, energy, manpower and defence, as well as regional developments.

Meetings were also held with Minister of State for Defence Affairs Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani and Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed, along with a delegation of the Qatar Businessmen Association, to explore enhanced defence and economic cooperation.

The visit reaffirmed the strong partnership between Pakistan and Qatar and the shared commitment to expanding bilateral cooperation.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, calls on His Highness Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, during his official visit to Doha in February 2026.

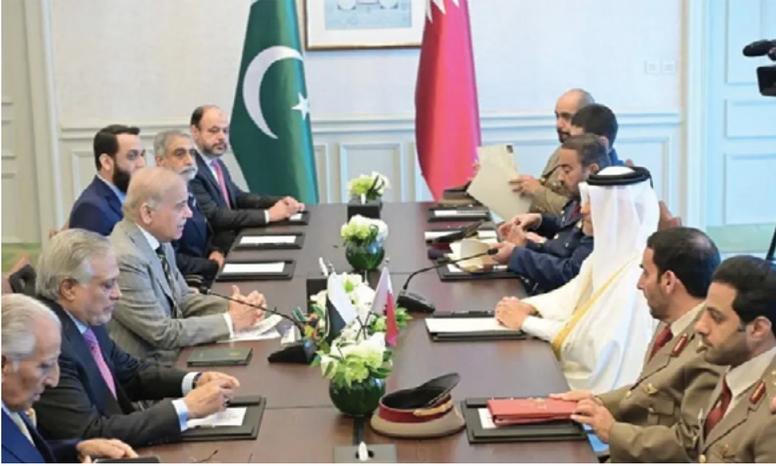


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His Excellency Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Sayed, Minister of State for Foreign Trade of the State of Qatar, called on His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Doha.



His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met a delegation from the Qatar Businessmen Association during his official visit to Doha in February 2026.

## Ministerial Visits



Her Excellency Shaza Fatima Khawaja met with His Excellency Mohammed bin Ali Al Mannai on the sidelines of Mobile World Congress Doha 2025, held in Doha on 25-26 November 2025.



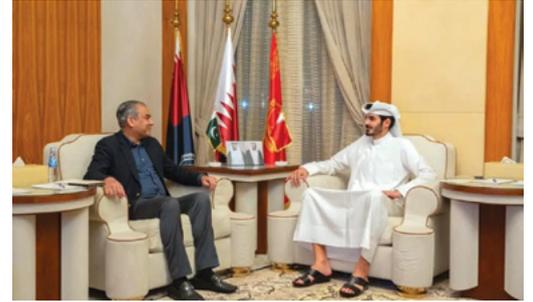
His Excellency Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Finance and Revenue of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, Minister of Finance of the State of Qatar, on the sidelines of the Doha Forum in Doha.



His Excellency Ali Pervaiz Malik, Federal Minister for Petroleum of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, Minister of State for Energy Affairs of the State of Qatar, in Doha on 26 August 2025.



His Excellency Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Ali bin Saeed bin Samikh Al Marri, Minister of Labour of the State of Qatar, on the sidelines of the 6th Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held in Doha on 16 October 2025.



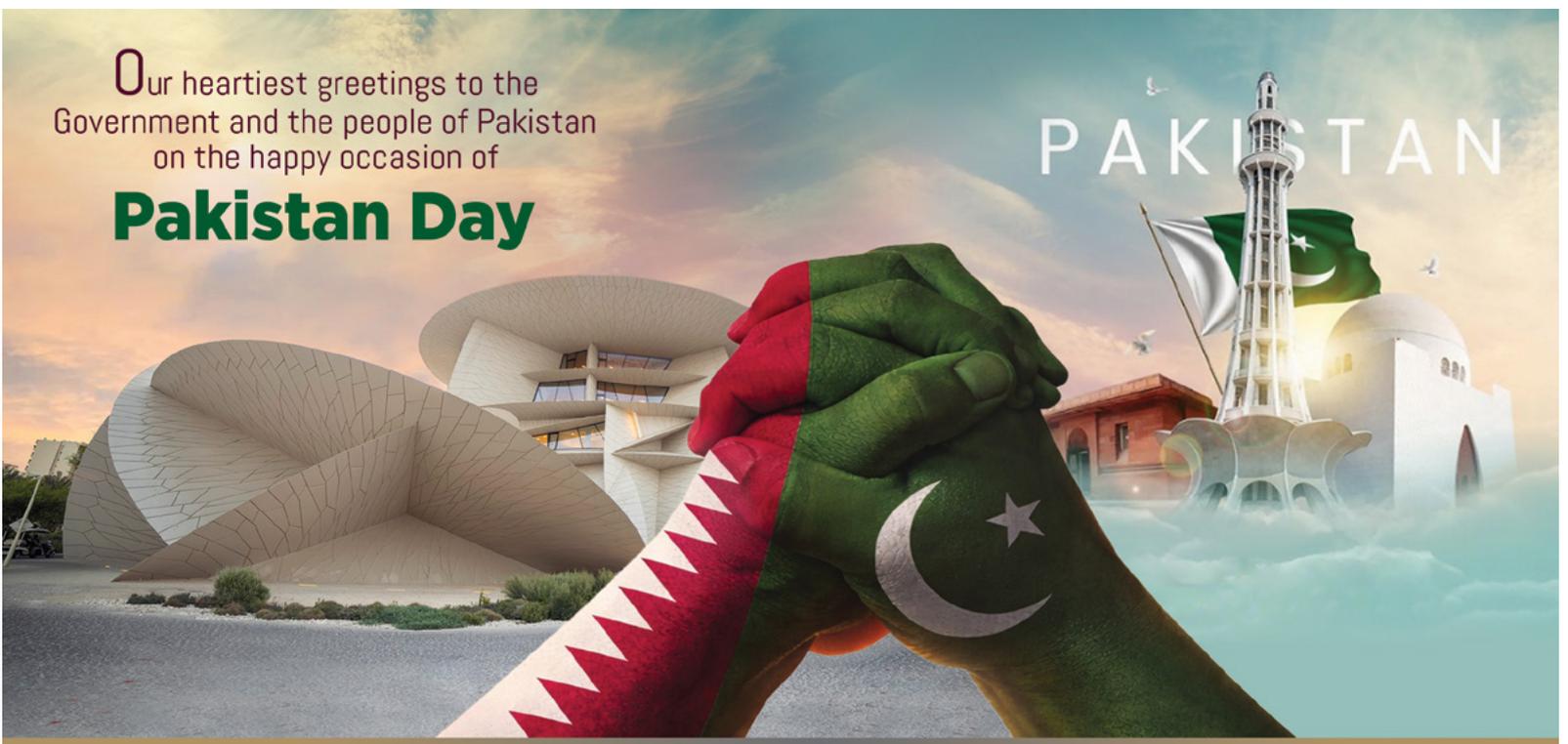
His Excellency Mohsin Naqvi, Federal Minister for Interior of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with His Excellency Khalifa bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Minister of Interior of the State of Qatar, in Doha on 24 November 2025.



His Excellency Malik Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath met with His Excellency Mansoor bin Ebrahim Al Mahmoud on the sidelines of the 6th Global Mental Health Ministerial Summit held in Doha, 1 October 2025.



HE Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, met with Her Excellency Lolwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education of the State of Qatar, on the sidelines of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) 2025 in Doha on 27 November 2025.



Our heartiest greetings to the Government and the people of Pakistan on the happy occasion of **Pakistan Day**

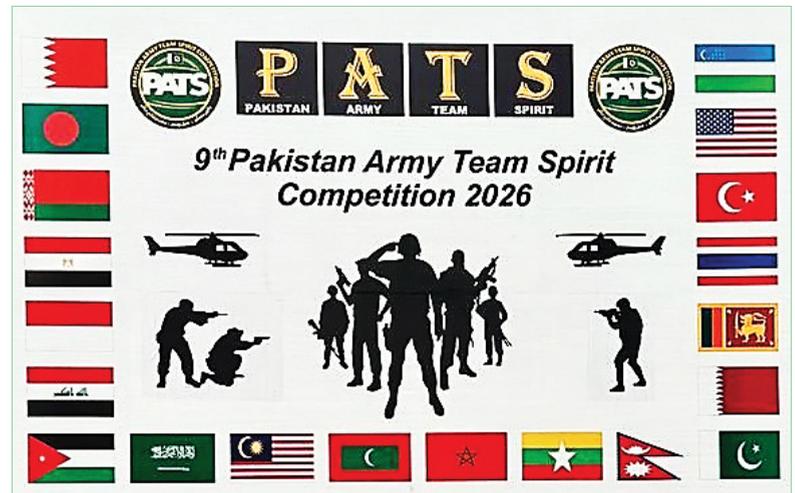


# 9TH INTERNATIONAL PAKISTAN ARMY TEAM SPIRIT (PATS) COMPETITION 2026

The 9th International Pakistan Army Team Spirit (PATS) Competition 2026 held at Pakistan, featuring 24 international teams from 19 countries and 16 domestic teams.

03 x professional teams from Qatar Armed Forces participated in the competition to enhance combat readiness and strengthen teamwork among participating forces. Qatar Armed Forces performed very well and secured Gold and Silver medals.

The closing ceremony was attended by HE Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir NI(M), HJ, Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff of the Pakistan Army.



## HE Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir NI(M), HJ, Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff Pakistan-Visit to the State of Qatar

Pakistan and State of Qatar share deep-rooted military cooperation based on mutual interests, strategic alignment and long-standing diplomatic ties. Regular high-level military visits are held between Pakistan and Qatar to strengthen bilateral relations. HE Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir NI(M), HJ, Chief of Defence Forces and Chief of Army Staff of the Pakistan Army visited State of Qatar and held meetings with Qatari leadership. During the meetings regional security dynamics, defence cooperation and avenues to further strengthen military-to-military ties between Pakistan and State of Qatar were focused. Both sides reaffirmed commitments to enhance collaboration in training, joint exercises, and capacity building, while also emphasizing the importance of collective efforts for peace and stability in the region.



# Meeting of Higher Military Cooperation Committee Pakistan and the State of Qatar

The second meeting of the Qatar-Pakistan Higher Military Committee held at Doha. The meeting was co-chaired by HE General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of Pakistan and HE Lt Gen (Pilot) Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Mannai, Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces.

During the meeting number of agenda items related to enhance the existing cooperation in various military and security fields were discussed. 2nd session of the committee reflects the commitment to cooperation in all military domains and to further strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries.



# Joint Exercises Burkan Al-Bahr & Muharib Al-Bahr

Pakistan and Qatar's armed forces regularly conduct joint military exercises involving naval, air force, and special operations units to enhance interoperability and operational readiness. Recently, the joint military exercises Burkan Al-Bahr and Muharib Al Bahr were held in Pakistan.

Exercise Muharib Al Bahr focused on naval warfare training, including surface warfare, anti-piracy operations, maritime interdiction, boarding drills, and coordinated manoeuvres at sea.

Exercise Burkan Al Bahr focused on maritime security and joint response operations, such as the protection of critical sea lanes, harbour defence, search and rescue, and coordinated responses to asymmetric maritime threats.



# PAKISTAN NAVY AND PAKISTAN MARITIME DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATION IN DIMDEX 2026



Vice Admiral Faisal Amin HI(M), SBT, Commander Coast, and Rear Admiral Shahzad Iqbal HI(M), Director General of the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, visited Doha, Qatar, with their delegation to participate in DIMDEX 2026. The delegation also attended the Middle East Naval Commanders Conference (MENC).

Apart from attending DIMDEX 2026, the Commander Coast and the Director General of the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency held meetings with senior leadership of the Qatar Armed Forces. During these meetings, they discussed matters of mutual interest, including training, joint exercises, and enhanced cooperation.



Flag-hoisting ceremony to commemorate the **79th Independence Anniversary** of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was held at the Embassy of Pakistan in Doha. The event was marked with patriotic fervour and attended by hundreds of community members, and friends of Pakistan.



# GGRC: The largest manufacturer of high quality composite materials in GCC

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GGRC is among the regional leaders in composite Façade solutions such as GFRC, GFRP, GFRG, and UHPC.



In addition to its strong presence in Qatar, GGRC has expanded its regional footprint through its branch in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under Gulf Industries, where it is actively involved in delivering major and large-scale projects across the Kingdom.

The company's primary objective in every project is to achieve exceptional workmanship within budget and deliver on time. GGRC believes that in order to create the future, it is essential to learn from the past.



Ch. Parvez Iqbal - Chief Executive Officer

Reinforced Plastic (GRP), precast, as well as Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) products in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The company produces all these materials under one roof at its state-



Over the years, GGRC has perfected its ability to understand client budgets and requirements, enabling it to propose suitable materials to meet those targets. This is achieved through precise design engineering and project planning, covering all stages from manufacturing to project execution.

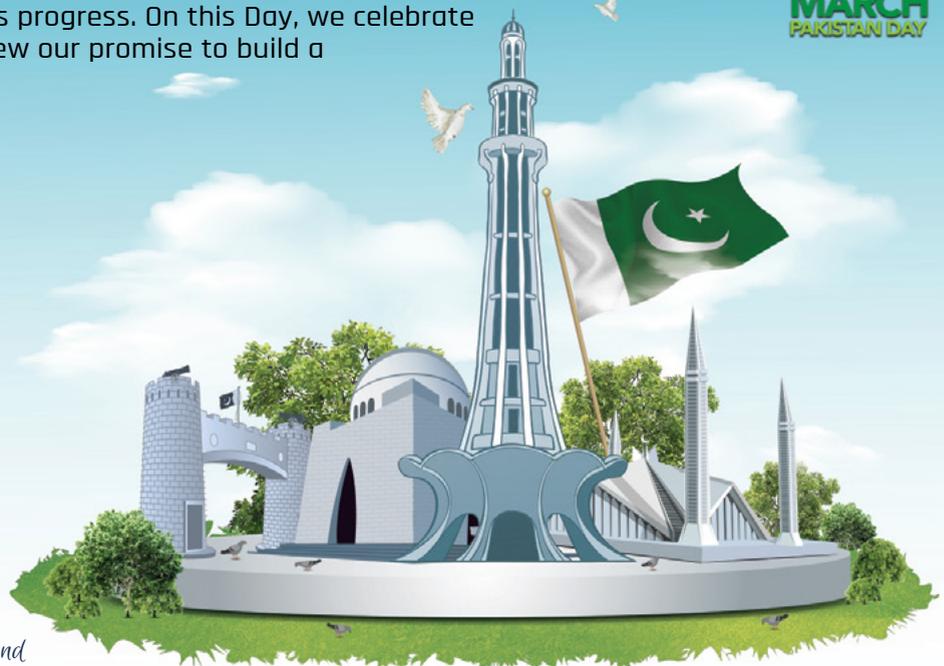


## Gulf GRC & Trading Co.

At Gulf GRC, our commitment goes beyond business—we are dedicated to supporting the communities we serve and contributing to the country's progress. On this Day, we celebrate our shared journey and renew our promise to build a stronger future together.



*On this proud occasion of Pakistan Day, Gulf GRC extends its warmest greetings to the people of Pakistan and expresses its sincere appreciation and welcome to the people of Qatar and the wider GCC region.*



# AMBASSADOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

## 20 November 2025



Ambassador's meeting with H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Subaie, Minister of Environment and Climate Change



His Excellency Muhammad Aamer, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar, met with Her Excellency Lolwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education of the State of Qatar, in Doha.



Ms Shehla Bano, a painter, presented some of her paintings to His Excellency the Ambassador.



His Excellency Muhammad Aamer, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar, called on Her Excellency Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Social Development and Family of the State of Qatar, in Doha.



His Excellency Muhammad Aamer, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the State of Qatar, called on His Excellency Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiyah, Minister of Municipality of the State of Qatar, in Doha.

## Opening of the Workshop Colors Exhibition (Second Edition)



The opening of the "Workshop Colors Exhibition – Second Edition" took place on Monday, November 10, 2025, at Katara Cultural Village in Doha, Qatar. The event was hosted by the Qatar Fine Arts Association in collaboration with Katara.

The exhibition showcased a variety of artworks and was attended by several ambassadors, representatives of diplomatic missions, artists, and art enthusiasts. The works on display featured a diversity of colours and styles, symbolising themes such as cultural diversity and personal experiences.

The event was part of Qatar's ongoing cultural activities aimed at building bridges of communication between different cultures through art.

## IQBAL DAY

To mark Iqbal Day, the embassy of Pakistan in Doha hosted a talk on "Iqbal through Arab Eyes" by Associate Professor Muhammad Mukhtar Shankiti, highlighting the enduring philosophical and global relevance of the poetry of Muhammad Iqbal. The event was attended by His Excellency Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari, Minister of State of the State of Qatar and President of the Qatar National Library, who participated as the Chief Guest.





Meeting with Dr. Bilal Tourkiya, Charge d'Affaires at the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic to the State of Qatar.



Meeting with H.E. Mohammad Hazrat Ali Khan, new Ambassador of Bangladesh to the State of Qatar.



The Qatar Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) hosted the "President's Meetup and Members Recognition Ceremony - Qatar 2025.



Meeting with H.E Eugene Crijns, Belgium Ambassador to the State of Qatar.



Meeting with H.E. Walid El Fiky, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the State of Qatar.



On the occasion of Pakistan's Defence Day on September 6, 2025, the national flag of Pakistan was displayed on Al Jaber Twin Towers, Lusail, Doha.

# AMBASSADOR'S ENGAGEMENTS



Her Highness Sheikhha Asma Al Thani was appointed as the brand ambassador for Pakistan's mountains and tourism. His Excellency Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif announced the appointment after she successfully summited Nanga Parbat.

## Tree Plantation Drive - 2 December 2025 at the Embassy of Pakistan



His Excellency Muhammad Aamer attended a radio programme hosted by the QBS Radio, highlighting Pakistan's culture, heritage and community in Qatar, and discussing opportunities to further strengthen cultural outreach and people-to-people engagement.



On the occasion of Independence Day on August 14, 2025, Pakistan's flag was displayed on Torch Tower, Doha, which holds the Guinness World Record for the world's largest external 360-degree screen.

# PAKISTANI MISSION AND DIASPORA EVENTS



A cake cutting ceremony at PIA office to commemorate Independence Day.



A Mushaira was organized by the Embassy, headed by CWA-I, to commemorate Youm-e-Azadi. The event was attended by 106 guests, including a sizable number from the younger Pakistani community. Twelve poets recited their poetry, and two essays were presented.

The event was hosted by Dr. Faisal Hanif (55225482), who conducted the programme in a very engaging manner. The Chief Guest was Israr Malazai. The Mushaira concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, followed by dinner.



Minister Chaudhry Salik held a community engagement with the Pakistani diaspora in Qatar.



OIC Labour Ministers Conference.



In continuation of the plantation drive, trees were planted at Pak Shamma School.



The annual prize distribution ceremony of Pakistani School Bright Future.



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# Youth Leadership Programme

## Cultivating the Innovators of Tomorrow

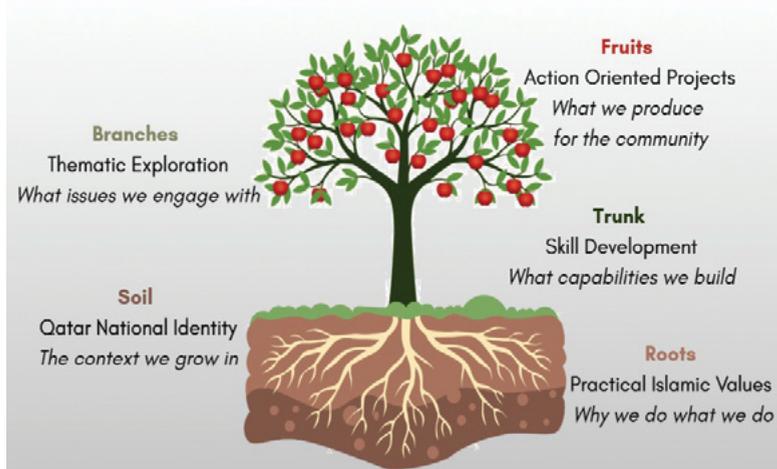
As Pakistan marks another year of its historic journey, we reflect not only on the achievements of the past but also on the promise of the future. For a nation blessed with the world's second-largest young population, preparing youth for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow is more urgent than ever. Research in development economics consistently shows that nations thrive when they invest in human capital—cultivating curiosity, critical thinking, and the capacity for innovation.

At **The Next Generation School (TNG) Qatar**, we have taken this lesson to heart through our flagship **Youth Leadership Programme (YLP)**, which aims to transform students into researchers, innovators, and ethical leaders committed to serving their communities and their nation.

### The Vision: Leadership as Service

The YLP forms an integral part of each student's journey from Kindergarten through Grade 13. At its core lies an understanding rooted in Islamic tradition: leadership is defined as service (*khidmah*) and regarded as a sacred trust granted by Almighty Allah.

The programme integrates Islamic values, skill development, national identity, thematic exploration of global challenges, and action-oriented community projects. Through this framework, students are progressively prepared to lead with both competence and character.



### From Classroom to Innovation Lab

Across TNG campuses, classrooms increasingly function as innovation laboratories where students explore ideas, develop prototypes, and test solutions to real-world problems. The outcomes of these initiatives have demonstrated significant progress.

At **AI Wakra Secondary** campus, students recently showcased projects ranging from efficient cooling systems for diesel engines and an AI productivity app, to self-cooling bricks demonstrated with working prototypes.

At **AI Daayen**, sustainability was central: a Year 9 project developed low-cost carbon capture using waste coconut shells, and the TerraVive initiative promoted eco-friendly digital practices like Ecosia.

At **AI Wakra Primary**, young students introduced OilClean—a solar-powered, biodegradable device tackling marine oil pollution—and Cytosentinel, a conceptual nanoparticle solution aimed at safeguarding red blood cells during chemotherapy.

How do young learners arrive at such sophisticated ideas? The answer lies in the YLP's structured approach to research and development.

Each year, students embark on a journey that mirrors the scientific research process:

- Phase 1: Foundation and Ideation
- Phase 2: Research and Proposal Development
- Phase 3: Execution and Analysis
- Phase 4: Presentation and Celebration

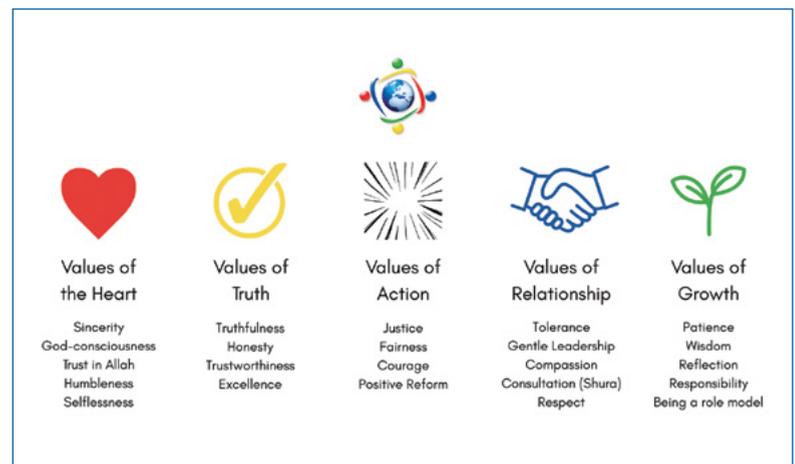
### The Teacher as Researcher

*This is all possible because of a parallel investment in our educators. At TNG, teachers are supported as Action Researchers, encouraged to become producers of innovative pedagogical ideas rather than simply consumers of knowledge.*

Through dedicated professional development, teachers learn to facilitate inquiry, use observation rubrics effectively, and guide students through the research process. They model the very skills they seek to cultivate—curiosity, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence.

### The Islamic Values Compass

What distinguishes the YLP from other leadership programmes is its ethical foundation. Throughout their research journey, students are guided by a Practical Islamic Values framework.



### A Message for Pakistan

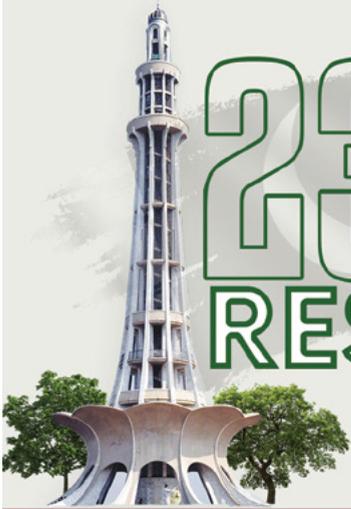
As we reflect on Pakistan Day, we are reminded that Quaid-e-Azam's vision was not merely of a geographical entity, but of a nation equipped with "character, capacity, and vision." These words from 1947 resonate powerfully today.

The challenges facing Pakistan—from climate change to economic development, from water security to educational access—will require the kind of innovative, ethically grounded leadership that YLP cultivates. The students building carbon capture systems from coconut shells, designing AI applications, and exploring nanomedicine are not merely completing school projects. They are demonstrating the mindset that can transform a nation.

At The Next Generation School, we are confident that the future of our beloved countries Pakistan and Qatar will be shaped by the creative potential of their young people. By investing in research capacity from the earliest ages, nurturing curiosity and critical thinking, and grounding all efforts in timeless ethical principles, we are actively contributing to that future.



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Confident Learners

Foster Innovative and  
Independent Thinkers

Actively Engage and Prepare  
Students for a Global Environment

Ensure a Secure and Nurturing  
Learning Environment

Cultivate  
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# PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC OUTREACH IN QATAR



Pakistan's economic outreach in Qatar gathered steady momentum through a series of targeted trade, investment, and public diplomacy engagements in Qatar. These efforts focused on improving market access for Pakistani products, strengthening institutional cooperation, and projecting Pakistan's capabilities in agriculture, food processing, and information technology.

One of the most prominent engagements came



in the form of **6th Session of the Pakistan-Qatar Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC)** held on 22-23 October 2025, in Islamabad, Pakistan. The meeting provided an important platform to advance discussions on trade facilitation, food security cooperation, and expanding opportunities for Pakistani exports. Follow-up engagements with relevant stakeholders aimed to translate the outcomes of the JMC into practical commercial initiatives.

The momentum continued in November with the visit of a 25-member high-level business and official delegation from Qatar, led by Sheikh Ahmed Bin Thani Bin Faisal Al-Thani, to Karachi, Pakistan for the FoodAg 2025 exhibition. The visit offered an opportunity for Qatari investors and buyers to engage directly with Pakistani food and agricultural businesses, explore supply chains, and identify avenues for investment and trade collaboration in the food and agriculture sectors.



## PAKISTAN'S CITRUS FESTIVAL

The **Pakistan Citrus Festival**, held from 10-18 January 2026, served as an effective platform for connecting Pakistani exporters as well as food vendors who creatively came up with some of the best Citrus based recipes, including the very popular orange kulfi. The event enhanced the visibility of Pakistan's citrus industry in the Qatari market and generated new business leads, reinforcing Pakistan's reputation as a reliable supplier of high-quality agricultural produce. The event sold more than 180,000KGs of mandarin.



From 1-4 February 2026, Pakistan participated in Web Summit Doha, one of the region's leading technology events. The Pakistan pavilion was visited by notable figures, including H.E. Mohammed



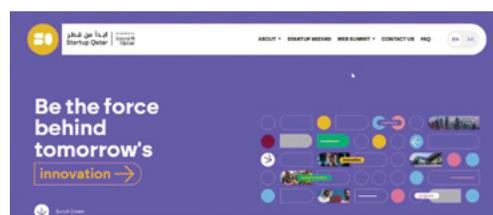
bin Ali bin Mohammed Al Mannai, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Qatar. Eight Pakistani IT companies, accompanied by a delegation of approximately 30 participants, including the Chief Executive Officer of P@SHA, engaged with investors, technology firms, and regional partners. Notably, more than 15 Pakistani startups in the alpha/beta stage showcased their innovations at the Web Summit. This participation highlighted Pakistan's growing technology ecosystem and its potential as a partner in digital innovation.

Complementing this presence, the Pakistan Embassy hosted a Web Summit Networking Night on 2 February 2026, bringing together over 100 attendees from the technology, investment, and corporate communities. The gathering provided an informal yet effective platform to showcase Pakistan's technology sector and foster new professional connections with regional stakeholders.

Alongside these high-profile engagements, sector-specific outreach continued in the food and meat trade. A series of webinars and consultations focused on meat, poultry, and processed chicken exports to Qatar and helped clarify market requirements, sanitary standards, and import procedures for Pakistani suppliers. Such initiatives contributed to improving exporters' understanding of Qatari market regulations and strengthened their readiness to compete in these markets. The Commercial Section, Embassy of Pakistan remains committed to combining institutional dialogue, sectoral outreach, and business-to-business engagement in the future.



The Commercial Section, Embassy of Pakistan, Doha organised a Webinar directly with Startup Qatar. This webinar, held on 15 January 2026 recorded strong participation, with over 100 attendees from Pakistan's public and private technology ecosystem. The event featured detailed presentations on Startup Qatar and Qatar Invest programmes.



# ENGAGEMENTS OF COMMUNITY WELFARE WING



The Community Welfare Attaché-II organized a meeting between Hamad bin Faraj Al-Dalmouk, Assistant Undersecretary for Expatriate Labour Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Qatar, and the Managing Director of the Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD), Government of Pakistan.



The CWA-II visited the Support and Fund Department for Labor, Qatar Government and met with Ms. MoozaSaeed Al Mosallam, Head of Administrative Services.



The CWA-II attended the Youth Parliament Delegation at the Embassy of Pakistan, Doha. He facilitated their visit and conducted a meeting with H.E., providing guidance on diplomatic and parliamentary procedures.



The CWA-II organized a Career Development Workshop at the Embassy of Pakistan, Doha, for the Pakistani community.



The CWA-II organized the ICAP Qatar Chapter Members Meetup and Recognition Ceremony at the Embassy of Pakistan, Doha. During the event, the CWA-II addressed members' issues and concerns with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), including matters related to degree equivalency and the recognition of ICAP Qatar.

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# “Where the Vision of Pakistan Lives On: PISQ Inspiring Generations Beyond Borders”

The commemoration of 23rd March—Pakistan Resolution Day is a time to reflect on the historic vision that laid the foundation of Pakistan, a vision rooted in Faith, unity, and determination. For Pakistanis living beyond the country's borders, this day also highlights the institutions that nurture these ideals in younger generations and keep the connection with the homeland alive. In Qatar, one such institution that continues to uphold this spirit with dedication and pride is Pakistan International School Qatar (PISQ).

For more than four decades, PISQ has served as a cornerstone of education for the Pakistani community in Qatar. Operating under the patronage of the Embassy of Pakistan in Doha, the school has consistently provided quality education while ensuring that students remain closely connected to their cultural identity and national heritage.



Under the visionary leadership of Principal Ch. Muhammad Afzal, the school has strengthened its focus on holistic development, combining strong academic foundations with opportunities in sports, arts, leadership, and global engagement. The ongoing academic year stands as a demonstration to this vision, marked by numerous achievements across academic and co-curricular spheres.



Students exhibited outstanding academic performance in the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) examinations, securing A+ grades and distinctions that brought recognition to the institution. The Cambridge Wing also achieved exceptional success during the June 2025 examination series. Students earned nine prestigious titles in the Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards, including distinctions such as Top in the World, Top in Qatar, High Achievement, and Best Across Subjects in Qatar. Overall, the



Cambridge Wing recorded a remarkable 99.99% pass rate in IGCSE and a 90% pass rate in A Level examinations. From 587 subject entries by 187 candidates, students collectively secured 116 A grades and 150 A grades, reflecting the institution's strong academic culture and commitment to excellence.

Throughout the year, PISQ organized a wide range of academic and co-curricular activities designed to substitute creativity, leadership, and collaborative learning. Professional development remained a priority through the In-House Teachers' Training Program 2025–26, which promoted continuous learning and knowledge sharing among faculty members. The school community also observed important national occasions such as Defence Day, paying tribute to the sacrifices that define Pakistan's history.

Environmental awareness was encouraged through the Organic Kitchen Gardening Project, enabling students to gain practical understanding of sustainability. Academic engagement was strengthened through activities such as the Inter-Wing and Inter-House English Essay Writing Competition, Science Exhibition and Competition, and Solo Singing Competition, each showcasing the diverse talents of PISQ students. Another notable initiative was “Genius of PISQ,” a large-scale intellectual challenge that brought together students from across the school to test their knowledge and analytical skills.

Sports and international exposure also played a vital role in student development. The school hosted the ICC CRIIO Girls' Cricket Tournament 2025, reflecting its commitment to empowering female athletes. Students also represented the institution at prestigious Model United Nations conferences, including participation in Aitchison College Model United Nations in Lahore, gaining valuable experience in diplomacy and global dialogue. One of the most significant developments of the year was the launch of the Evening School for Kindergarten, an initiative aimed at expanding educational access and providing additional opportunities for young learners in the community. A special tree plantation ceremony was held at the school on Qatar National Day, led by the H.E Mr. Muhammad Amer, Ambassador of Pakistan to the state of Qatar, symbolizing the strong bond between the Pakistani community and the State of Qatar while promoting environmental responsibility among students.

To further highlight campus life and student achievements, PISQ introduced a quarterly newsletter produced by a student editorial team of which the 3rd Edition has recently seen the light. The publication documents academic milestones, creative work, and cultural activities while encouraging students to develop skills in writing, editing, and media production.



Beyond academics, sports and creative activities remained vibrant aspects of school life. Students achieved notable success in inter-school competitions, securing victories in football, cricket, badminton, and athletics, including the Under-19 cricket championship and several medals in track and field events. A proud milestone was achieved when a student from the Girls Wing was selected for the ICC T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier 2025, while the Girls Wing also won an inter-school badminton championship. Creativity flourished during the Drama Gala 2025, where students from all wings presented engaging Urdu and English theatrical performances. The school also hosted the 10th Inter-School Literary Competition, welcoming schools across Qatar to participate in storytelling and character impersonation.

Recognizing the collective effort behind these achievements, the school organized its Annual Staff Dinner, attended by more than 300 staff members, where Principal Ch. Muhammad Afzal appreciated the dedication of teachers and administrative teams. The school also strengthened connections with its graduates through an Alumni Engagement Initiative, where former students shared their professional journeys and inspired current learners.

Behind every milestone stands a strong support of the Pakistani community in Qatar, including parents and members of the Board of Governors. Their trust and involvement have played a vital role in the institution's growth and stability.

As Pakistan Resolution Day reminds the nation of the vision that shaped its destiny, institutions like Pakistan International School Qatar continue to carry that vision forward by educating young minds and instilling in them a deep sense of responsibility toward their country and community. With a proud history spanning more than forty years and a progressive outlook for the future, PISQ remains committed to nurturing confident, capable, and globally aware students who embody the enduring spirit of Pakistan.



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