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To acknowledge the efforts and services of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights (PCSW&HR) for the empowerment of women through its various activities and protection of women rights, PCSW&HR was invited to attend the UN 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) held at United Nations New York USA from 14 – 24 March 2016. Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori, and Executive Director Mr. Mansoor Ahmed represented the PCSW&HR in the CSW 60. During their visit to USA Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed PCSW&HR did various official engagements as per detail given below

<u>Participation in the Dinner Hosted by Pakistan Permanent Representative in United Nation H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi at her Residence in New York</u>

Pakistan Permanent Representatives to United Nation H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi organized a dinner in honor Pakistani delegates those participated in the CSW60 at her residence New York. PCSW&HR's delegation also invited to attend the dinner. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori chairman PCSW&HR & Executive Director Mr. Mansoor Ahmed participated in the dinner, during the dinner. Special Assistant to Prime Minister of Pakistan for Law Ministry, Justice and Human Rights Barrister Zafarullah Khan, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Ms. Raheela Durrani, Member National Assembly Ms. Kushbakat Sujhat, former Federal Minister Senator Ms. Nelofer Bukhtiar, prominent Pakistani Journalist in USA Azeem Ahmed Mian and others high profile personalities from USA and Pakistan also participated in the dinner. During the dinner Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also has a discussion with Pakistan permanent representative in United Nation H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi. While talking with participants of dinner, Dr. Maleeha Lodhi said that positive message has been sent to the world by passing the long-awaited Protection of Women against violence Bill by the Punjab Assembly, this bill contains remedies for victims of violence, criminalize all forms of violence against women and also provides them with special centers which remove the usual red tape hurdles that complicate a woman's quest for justice. Role of Non Governmental organizations for the empowerment of women, protection of their rights and sustainable development is very crucial. She said that Pakistan's Constitution guarantees full participation of women in all spheres of national life. The Government of Pakistan has taken various steps to promote and protect their political, economic, social and cultural rights. Substantial steps have been taken to eliminate different forms of discrimination against women. Today, Pakistani women proudly participate in all fields of life from agriculture to industry, business to armed forces and from legislation to policy making.

While talking to the H.E Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi and other participants Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that Government and Civil Society have to jointly play their role to create political & democratic awareness among the women and their role to strengthen the democracy so that women may be involved in the developmental process of nation and all forms of violence against women may also be eliminated. He further said that due to promotion of meaningful and modern education we may face the challenges of terrorism and extremism. He added that to secure peace and socio economic development, people to people contact and interfaith harmony is need of hour. During the dinner Mr. Noori also briefed the Pakistan permanent representative in UN Dr. Maleeha Lodhi about PCSW&HR's ongoing and completed projects in which empowerment of women, education, computer literacy, protection of women rights, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony etc. Dr. Maleeha Lodhi lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also presented the official shield to Dr. Maleeha Lodhi to acknowledge her marvelous services for Pakistan as diplomat, journalists and expert on the international affairs. Mr. Barrister Zafarullah Khan, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Ms. Raheela Durrani were also present during the presentation of shield to H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi.





A group photo of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed with H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori presenting the official shield to H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Raheela Durani, Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan and Mansoor Ahmed are also present



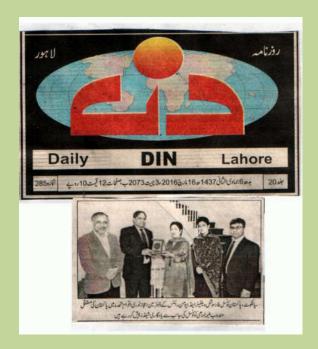
A group photo of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Raheela Durani, Mian Muhammad Azeem and Mansoor Ahmed during the dinner hosted by Permanent Mission of Pakistan to UN



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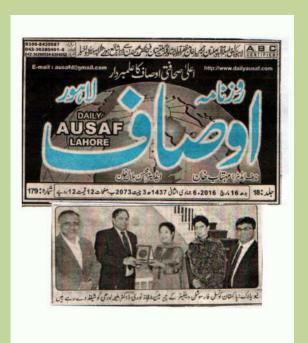


















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<u>Discussion with Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan special assistant to Prime Minister of Pakistan for Law Ministry, Justice and Human Rights</u>

During the dinner hosted by Permanent Mission of Pakistan in UN Chairman PCSW&HR Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Executive Director also have a discussion with the Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan Minister for state and special assistant to Prime Minister of Pakistan for Law Ministry, Justice and Human Rights. Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan was the head of Government's delegation who participated in the CSW60. While talking with Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mansoor Ahmed he said that private partnership and joint efforts are necessary to protect the fundamental human rights, for the protection of human rights role of Nongovernmental Organizations is very appreciate able, provision of justice is the priority of Government because society can't survive without justice. Talking on the occasion Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that access to justice is basic human rights and public also has to play their role to ensure the access to prompt justice and they should raise their voice if they find any kind of human rights violence. With joint efforts and collective power we can ensure the protection of human rights and his organization PCSW&HR will continue its efforts to aware the general public regarding their fundamental human rights and it protection. During the meeting Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also briefed him about the ongoing project for women empowerment and PCSW&HR's goals and achievement and also presented the official shield to Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan as memory of his participation at CSW60 with the presence of H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi and Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Ms. Raheela Durrani.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori presenting the official shield to Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan, Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Raheela Durani, and Mansoor Ahmed are also present



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Barrister Zafar Ullah Khan are present in the dinner hosted by Permanent Mission of Pakistan to UN Mansoor



Press Coverage of Meeting











<u>Meeting with Ms. Lakshmi Puri Assistant Secretary General of United Nation</u> and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

During the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarter New York Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also held meeting with Ms. Lakshmi Puri Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women at the delegate lounge of the United Nation New York. Her Adviser Ms. Hind Alowais was also present in the meeting. While talking with PCSW&HR delegation, Ms. Lakshmi Puri said that Women empowerment is a matter of key concern in national and international policy making and activities of social life. Nations cannot achieve their development goals if their women are discriminated. Women's empowerment is in fact necessary condition for socio-economic development of a country. Without women empowerment & development the dream of sustainable development, peace and eradication of poverty can't be realized. United Nation will play its role for the economic & social empowerment of women. She further said that throughout the world especially in developing countries empowerment of women is need of hour. Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) also have to play their role for the empowerment of women, so that through empowerment of women we may eradicate the poverty and illiteracy from the world. He also urged the coordination and liaison between the UN women country office Pakistan and PCSW&HR to ensure the protection of women rights at grass root level in Pakistan.



A view of meeting between Ms. Lakshmi Puri Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director United Nation and Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also present in the meeting



On this eve Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that Pakistani Government and NGOs are jointly working for the socio economic empowerment of women and in order to enhance political participation, awareness about rights, the role of Pakistani media is very positive and active. During the meeting Mr. Noori also comprehensively briefed the Ms. Lakshmi Puri Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women about PCSW&HR's ongoing and completed projects in which empowerment of women, education, computer literacy, protection of women rights, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony etc. Ms. Lakshmi Puri lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR for the protection of women, their education and empowerment etc. He also briefed her that PCSW&HR is ensuring the participation of all stakeholders including religious political and civil society local community leadership, media and government paraphernalia to achieve the goals of women empowerment project, because the collective wisdom and efforts are necessary to ensure the achievements of project goals and sustainability.



A group photo of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed with Ms. Lakshmi Puri Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director General United Nation



Meeting with Counselor General of Pakistan at New York

During their visit to USA Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Executive Director Mr. Mansoor Ahmed held meeting with Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz Pakistani Counsel General to USA at Consulate General of Pakistan New York. While talking with Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz said that Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) should play their role to highlight the real perspective of Pakistan and Islam so that we meet the challenge of negative propaganda against Islam and Pakistan. He said that there is no room for terrorism and extremism in Islam, Islam is religion of peace, justice, equality and religious harmony. Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz further said that terrorism and extremism is serious matter for global world. Pakistan has paid the lot of sacrifices in the war against terrorism & extremism. We may face the challenges of terrorism and extremism through the promotion of meaningful moderate education covering the national cultures and Islamic traditions, he added that increase of educational budget is need of hour in Pakistan. Talking with Pakistani Counsel General Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that protection of human rights and equal social development can bring radical change,



A view of Meeting between Raja Ali Ejaz and Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also present in the meeting

violation of human rights and injustice always create negative attitude in the society which causes the terrorism and extremism. He said that whole Pakistani nation respects the all spiritual religions and is a peace loving nation. World should not relate the extremism & terrorism with Islam. He further said that Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights will continue its efforts to highlight the actual perspective of Islam and Pakistan. He said that in



the present scenario where international relations among the different nations are necessary, there is people to people contact are also necessary for sustainable development and peace. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Mr. Noori also comprehensively briefed the Pakistani Counsel General Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz about PCSW&HR's ongoing and completed projects in which empowerment of women, education, computer literacy, protection of women rights, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony etc. Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR for the protection of human rights, women rights, sustainable development etc. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also presented the official shield to Mr. Raja Ali Ejaz as memory of PCSW&HR delegation visit to Pakistan Consulate General in New York.



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori presenting official shield to Raja Ali Ejaz











Reception by Peace Loving & PCSW&HR's Friends NGOs at UN in Honor of PCSW&HR Delegation at New York

With the enough kindness of Ms. Sharon Hamilton-Getz **Chairperson** Institute of International Social Development (IISD) & Institute for the Development of Education Arts and Leisure (IDEAL Spring), during the CSW60 session various UN NGOs arranged a reception in honor of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed at New York. Ms. Rev. Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan, Ms. Shivani Laura St George from World Yoga Community USA, Ms. Luz Maria Utrera President/Founder Luz Maria Foundation, Col.(R) Azam Qadri, and many others prominent personalities also participated in the reception. While talking with participants of reception Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that to solve the international crises, sustainable development, durable peace and equal social development, interfaith harmony and dialogues are need of hour. Sustainable development is impossible until the eradication of religious conflict. It is also need of hour that religious conflict should be halted and respect of all religions should also be ensured at all level. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also said that Islam is the religion of tolerance, peace, justice, equality and safeguard of the human rights and there is no room for the extremism, terrorism and blood shedding on the name of religion and he assured that



the Muslim population of Pakistan will not fail to protect the fundamental rights of non-Muslim Pakistani to obeying Islamic teachings and Pakistani constitution. Mr. Noori said that certainly extremism and terrorism have no room in any good religion as well as in Islam, terrorists have no religion they are just terrorists. It is a universal truth that such kind of war between the people those believe on peace, justice, equality, human



A view of reception arranged by UN NGOs in honor of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori

dignity and people those believe on the war between civilizations and blood shedding is continue from a long time in history, but it is also true that the humanity believe on peace and justice is always prevail in these periodically wars and the *terrorists* were always crushed. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also said that increase of educational budget and changes in education system on priority basis can bring positive changes in developing countries including Pakistan, because lack of quality and inexpensive education is the one of the reason of terrorism & extremism mindset, confrontation and other challenges in Pakistan. Promotion of religious, moderate and national heritage education can be helpful to eradicate and combat against terrorism & extremism and can meet the present challenges in Pakistan. Women's education and their economic empowerment are essential for the sustainable development of any country. Therefore, it is need of hour that in Pakistan and others developing countries that all women should provide quality education.

During the reception Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed presented the official shields to Ms. Sharon Hamilton-Getz, Rev. Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan, Shivani Laura St. George, Dra. Luz Maria President Luz Maria Foundation, Colonel (Retd) Azam Qadri, John T Digilio Jr, Dr. Ani Kalayjian to acknowledge their services for the uplifting of human values, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony, peace, justice etc.





Mr. Noori presenting the shield to Ms Shivani Laura St. George



Mr. Noori presenting the shield to Col (Retd)

Azam Qadri



Mr. Noori presenting the shield to Dr. Ani Kalayjian



Mr. Noori presenting the shield to John T Digilio



Mr. Noori presenting the shield to Dr.
Dileepkumar Thankappan



Mr. Noori presenting the shield to Dra. Luz Maria President Luz Maria Foundation

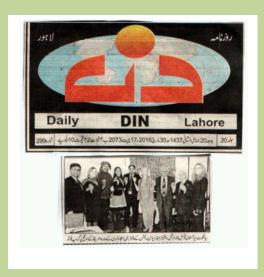


A group photo of participants of reception by UN NGOs



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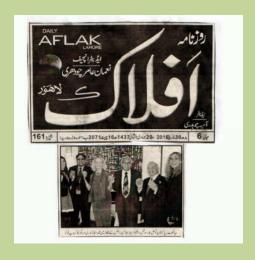














Interfaith Ambassador Award to Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mansoor Ahmed

During the reception The World Yoga Community USA which is interfaith organization have mandate to promote religious harmony, cultural understanding, peace and human dignity through Yoga and Meditation etc also honored the title of "Interfaith Ambassador" to Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed in recognition and acknowledges of their outstanding services and dedication for the human values, promotion of culture of Interfaith Harmony, peace, justice and Universal Spirituality. Rev. Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan presented the Interfaith Ambassador Award to Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed. Ms. Sharon Hamilton-Getz **Chairperson** Institute of International Social Development (IISD) & Institute for the Development of Education Arts and Leisure (IDEAL Spring), , Ms. Shivani Laura St Georage, Ms. Luz Maria Utrera President Luz Maria Foundation, Col.(R) Azam Qadri, and many others prominent personalities were also presented on this precious occasion.



Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan from World Yoga Community USA awarding Interfaith Ambassador Award to Mr. Ijaz Noori



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed with Interfaith Ambassador Award



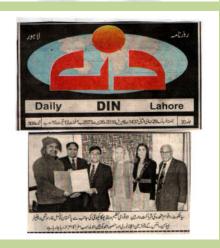
Dr. Dileepkumar Thankappan from World Yoga Community USA awarding Interfaith Ambassador Award to Mr. Mansoor Ahmed



Press Coverage of Interfaith Ambassador Award















<u>Participation in Ministerial round table on financing for gender equality and</u> women's empowerment in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

During the CSW60 the Commission on the Status of Women held a ministerial round table on financing for gender equality and women's empowerment in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, under the overall theme "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development". PCSW&HR delegation also participated in the Ministerial round table. The President of the National Council of Women of Egypt, Maya Morsy, chaired the round table. The Secretary-General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat, Rebeca Grynspan, served as moderator. High-level officials from 22 Member States participated in the round table. Participants also exchanged experiences, lessons learned and good practice in relation to the topic, with an emphasis on the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030.

Participants reaffirmed that making gender equality and women's empowerment a reality required dedicated and consistent funding. Prioritized and dedicated resource allocation was an urgent imperative, as was gender mainstreaming. They agreed that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its comprehensive goals and targets, provided a historic opportunity to address gender inequality holistically and sustainably. That would require strong political commitment and increased investment from multiple and diverse sources.



PCSW&HR's delegation in the Ministerial round table during CSW60



PCSW&HR's delegation in the Ministerial round table during CSW60



<u>PCSW&HR's Delegation Participation in Ministerial round table on fostering gender-</u>responsive data design, collection and analysis, and building the knowledge base

The Commission on the Status of Women also held a ministerial round table on the topic "Fostering gender-responsive data design, collection and analysis, and building the knowledge base", under the overall theme "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development" PCSW&HR also participated in this ministerial round table.

The Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany, Elke Ferner, chaired the round table, and the National Statistician and Civil Registrar General of the Philippines, Lisa Grace Bersales, served as moderator. The meeting opened with brief introductions by the Chair and the moderator. Ministers and high-level officials from 15 Member States participated. The Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Yannick Glemarec, made closing comments. The participants in the round table exchanged experiences, lessons learned and good practices in relation to the topic, with an emphasis on gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



PCSW&HR's delegation in the Ministerial round table during CSW60



PCSW&HR's Delegation Participation in A special evening on Ending Harmful Practices Against Girls and Women organized by UNFPA at UN General Assembly

During the CSW60, The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organized a high-level advocacy event called "*The Time is now! Let's end harmful practices against women and girls by 2030,* to increase global visibility to harmful practices such as FGM, child marriage and son preference; as well as commitment and action worldwide. This event was organized in the United Nations General Assembly Hall. PCSW&HR's delegation also participated in this important event. During this splendid evening a message was disseminated through performance, music to call for action to eliminate Female Genital Multination, Child Marriage and Son Preference by 2030.

Additionally, the aim of this event was to mark this as an important moment where the world recognizes that these are universal problems, which affect girls, women and communities throughout the world. This event brought together high-level governments officials, representatives of the UN, civil society and the voices of survivors and activists to share new information, testimonials and best practices. It also helped mobilize stakeholders towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal target 5.3— "Elimination of FGM and other harmful practices".

Globally famous singers Michael Bolton and Raheem De Vaughn performed this event. Ms. Sheilla Akwara, Monica Singh and Kakenya Ntaiya spoke about their personal experiences with harmful practices during The Time is Now! A collective pledge was made by the participants to fight against the elimination of harmful practices at any level.



PCSW&HR's delegation participation during the special evening on ending Harmful Practices Against Girls and Women organized by UNFPA at UN General Assembly





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Chairman PCSW&HR's Address at CSW60 Session on Violence against Women

During the participation of 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarter New York at one of session "Violence against Women" while expressing his view Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that Violence against women is a breach of human right and violence against women is increasing day by day, we have to touch the root causes and factors that increasing the probability of violence against women. He said that it is the legal and moral responsibility of state for the implementation of its human rights obligation to prevent violence against women. Non government's organizations also have to play their role to eradicate the violence against women. He urged that policies and legislative measures must be undertaken to prevent violence, eradicates discrimination against women in law and practice and promote women's rights. Empowerment of women is also one of main elements that can helpful to eradicate the violence against women. He also urged that role of media should be more effective to aware the public regarding the women rights and its protection. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori further said that Developing countries should focus the women education and all measures should be adopted to impart the vocational training to women for economic empowerment. He also said that without strengthening of democracy and institutions women rights can't be protected.



Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz addressing one of session "Violence against Women" during the CSW60 at United Nation headquarter New York





Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori during the roundtable session on Peace Building at CSW60



Executive Director PCSW&HR Mr. Mansoor Ahmed during the roundtable session on Peace Building at CSW60



Press Coverage of Mr. Noori Address

at CSW60 Session















Visit to Ms. Audrey E. Kitagawa

During their visit to USA Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mansoor Ahmed also visited the Ms. Audrey E Kitagawa a prominent American Journalist & Anchor person of Voice of America at New York. Ms. **Sharon Hamilton-Getz, Chairperson** NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns- NY at the United Nations, Ms. Monica Willard United Religions Initiative United Nations NGO Representative, Ms. Shivani Laura St George were also accompanied with Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed. During the meeting with Ms. Audrey E. Kitagawa different issues in which forthcoming USA election, Pakistani politics, human rights situation in Pakistan and abroad, PCSW&HR's initiatives for the protection of human rights, child rights, women rights, promotion of culture of peace, religious harmony and co-existence etc. during the meeting experiences regarding the interfaith harmony activities and its impacts were also shared. Peace prayer was also offered for the prevailing of peace on earth by the both religions.



A view of Mr. Noori visit to Ms. Audrey E. Kitagawa





A group photos of Mr. Ijaz Noori, Ms. Sharon Hamilton, Ms. Monica Willard and Mansoor Ahmed with Ms. Audrey E. Kitagawa



Meeting with URI Representative Ms. Monica Willard

During the visit to USA Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also held meeting with Ms. Monica Willard United Religions Initiative United Nations NGO Representative. While talking with Mr. Ijaz Noori said that to solve the international crises, sustainable development, durable peace and equal social development, interfaith harmony and dialogues are need of hour. Sustainable development is impossible until the eradication of religious conflict. It is also need of hour that religious conflict should be halted and respect of all religions should also be ensured at all level. Mr. Noori also briefed the Ms. Monica Willard about the PCSW&HR CC initiatives for the promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony, protection of minority rights in Pakistan etc. Ms. Monica lauded the efforts of PCSW&HR for interfaith harmony and hope that PCSW&HR will continue its efforts for the promotion of interfaith & interreligious harmony and protection of minority rights in Pakistan and abroad. Mr. Noori also thanked to Ms. Monica Willard to facilitate the PCSW&HR to participate in the CSW60.



A photo of Ms. Monica Willard with Mr. M. Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed after meeting



A view of meeting between PCSW&HR delegation and Ms. Monica Willard



Meeting with Ms. Sharon Hamilton

During the visit to USA Mr. Noori also held meeting with Ms. **Sharon Hamilton-Getz, Chairperson** NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns- NY at the United Nations. Executive Director Mr. Mansoor Ahmed was also accompanied with Mr. Ijaz Noori. Expressing her views with Mr. Noori Ms. Sharon said that in the present scenario where international relations among the different nations are necessary, there is people to people contact is also necessary for sustainable development and peace. On this occasion Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that Interreligious and Intercultural harmony is need of hour for sustainable development and peace throughout the world and for this purpose it is necessary that capacity of civil society organizations and media should build on priority basis. He said that through strong & real democracy and promotion of education we can eradicate the mindset of extremism and terrorism. Mr. Noori also thanked to Ms. Sharon for her splendid hospitality during their visit to USA.



A view of meeting between M. Ijaz Noori and Ms. Sharon Hamilton during the CSW60



A group photo of Ms. Sharon Hamilton with Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed



Meeting with Minister Kang Eun-Hee Republic of Korea

During the CSW60 Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also held short meeting with Ms. Kang Eun-Hee Minister, Ministry of Gender Equality & Family Republic of Korea at UN Headquarter New York. Ms. Lee Kisoon Women's Policy Bureau Director General Ms. CHOI, YONG SHIK Int'l Cooperation Division Director Ministry of Gender Equality and Family were also present in the meeting. Talking with Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Minister Kang Eun-Hee said that without public participation elimination of poverty and sustainable development are impossible, therefore the Koran Government through their different organization will continue to play its role to build the capacity of Civil Society Organizations at grass root level throughout the world including Pakistan. He said that no society can develop without empowerment and education of women; therefore, it is necessary that all developing countries should focus the women education and all measures should be adopted to impart the vocational training to women for economic empowerment. She appreciated the role of nongovernmental organizations for the empowerment of women in Pakistan. On this occasion said that his organization Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights is practically working for the economic empowerment of women since so many years with the collaboration of Korean based organization OBOS "The One body One Spirit Movement" Seoul Korea. Minister Kang Eun-Hee lauded the efforts of OBOS and PCSW&HR for the empowerment of women.



A view of meeting between Minister Kang Eun-Hee Republic of Korea and Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori



<u>Participation at the Screening of Oskar Award Winning Pakistani</u> <u>Documentary Movie "Girl in the River" Arranged by the Permanent Mission of</u> <u>Pakistan to United Nation</u>

Permanent Mission of Pakistan to United Nation also arranged the screening of documentary Movie Oskar Award Winning Pakistani Documentary Movie "Girl in the River" at conference hall of UN. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also participated in the screening of movie. Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, H.E Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, Special Assistant to Prime Minister of Pakistan for Law Ministry, Justice and Human Rights Barrister Zafarullah Khan, Speaker Baluchistan Assembly Ms. Raheela Durrani, Member National Assembly Kushbakat Sujhat, Ex-Member National Assembly Ms. Nelofer Bukhtiar and others high profile personalities from USA and Pakistan participated in movie.



Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka UN Under secretary during the screening of Oskar Award Winning movie



A view of participants during the screening of Oskar Award winning Pakistani documentary movie at UN

Meeting with Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women

During the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarter New York Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also held short meeting with United Nation Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. While talking with Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed UN Under Secretary General said that United Nation will continue its efforts for the protection of women rights and their empowerment because women empowerment is essential to achieve the development goals of any nation, women's empowerment is in fact necessary condition for socio-economic development of any country. She further said that role of nongovernmental organizations is also very important for the protection of women rights and their empowerment.





Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed with Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women

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Reception by Pakistan Link in Honor of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed at Washington

During the visit of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights delegation to USA a renowned organization of Pakistanis "Pakistan Link" arranged a reception in honor of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed at Washington DC. Dr. Zafar Jaspal Professor Quaid Azam University Islamabad, representatives of Pakistan Link Zareef Khan Malik, Hamid Khan, Kousar Jawad, Sardar Zafar, Muhammad Usman and others so many personalities from Pakistan community and USA participated in the reception. While addressing during the reception Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that without solving of un resolved global political and geographical issues sustainable development can't be achieved, world community especially USA have to play its vital role to solve the pending geographical and political issue. He further said that Pakistan has paid a lot of sacrifices in due to terrorism & extremism to secure International peace and also bearing lot of human and properties losses in the war against terrorism and extremism. Now it is time for world to think about Pakistan and its development. He said that whole Pakistani Nation respects and thankful to those have paid the sacrifices of their lives during the operation Zarbe-e-Azab and scarified their today for the future of Pakistan, due to the sacrifices of armed forces and peace lovers peace will be secured in Pakistan very soon and terrorism & extremism will be eradicated from its roots in Pakistan. He further added that religious tolerance, interfaith & intercultural harmony is need of hour, to promote the interfaith harmony at global level we would have to increase the zeal of tolerance. He said that Islam is religion of peace, justice, and teaches us the respect of all religions and their followers and also provides full protection to the minorities in Islamic state, He also urged the Pakistani community at USA and in others countries that they should play their active role to highlight the actual perspective of Islam and Pakistan with their character and servicers for their countries of residence, because Islam focus on the thanks giving not only to the God but also to the peoples those extending their kindness and good attitude towards you.





A view of reception arranged by Pakistan Link in honor of Mr.

Muhammad Ijaz Noori at Washington DC



Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori expressing his views during the reception arranged by Pakistan Link at Washington DC

He said that you must loyal with your country of origin but also loyal with the country of residence where you are living and which is giving you honor, social security and equal opportunities for socio economic development and unite your human resources to be a good part of your country of residence and take an active role in the national politics, social life and its socio economic development and don't bring the Pakistani politics in USA and if you wish to play an active role in the politics you should join local political parties it will be good for your present and coming generation. He said that his organization Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights will continue its efforts to create a culture of peace, justice, interfaith harmony and tolerance. Pakistan Link also appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights for the protection of human rights, women rights, minorities' rights, peace, justice, promotion of interfaith & intercultural harmony etc. during the reception correspondent of Dunya News also interviewed the Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori.



Dunya News Correspondent interviewing the Mr. Noori during the reception





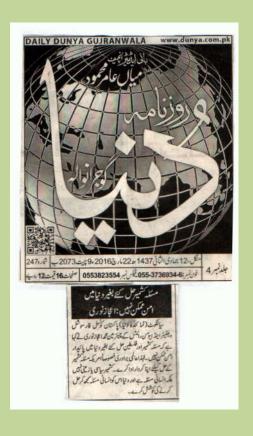
A group photo of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori with the representatives of Pakistan Link after the reception hosted by Pakistan Link at Washington DC

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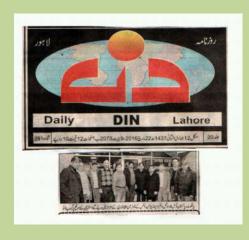
















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