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● USAID Donates Kits to Fight Bird Flu

● Makri Park Inaugurated



U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne W. Patterson called on the caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Nisar Memon, in Islamabad on December 12, 2007.



U.S. Embassy Cultural Attaché, Constance Colding Jones, during her visit to the National College of Arts (NCA) in Lahore on November 29, 2007.



U.S. Consul General Karachi Kay L. Anske inaugurated the new purification and filling unit of the Culligan water purification company in Karachi on November 20. Photo shows Consul General Anske talking to the workers of the plant. Chief Executive Officer Iqbal Shekhan is also seen in the picture.



The Editor-in-Chief of daily 'Pakistan Observer,' Zahid Malik, talking with Ambassador Anne W. Patterson at a function hosted in honor of former Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz (center) in Islamabad on November 25, 2007.

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U.S. Representative, Patrick Kennedy (center), and U.S. Senator, Arlen Specter (right), offering condolences to Pakistan People's Party representatives and presenting a floral tribute at PPP headquarters in Islamabad on December 27, 2007.



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# Letters

## to the Editor

### Regular Readers

I have no words to express my profound gratitude for your sincere efforts in bringing two friendly nations closer by publishing such a useful and informative magazine. I and some of my friends are regular readers of this beautiful magazine. I as a Pakistani feel satisfaction when I see that our students in FATA are being facilitated by the USAID with the grant of scholarships. Furthermore, the report on the lecture of Anna Chambers at the International Islamic University was very useful and thought provoking. Happy new year and best wishes for you and all the staff of "Khabr-o-Nazar."

Khawaja Jawed Iqbal  
Rawalpindi

### Impressed

I read the November 2007 issue of "Khabr-o-Nazar" for the first time and was quite impressed by its high standards. After reading this magazine one can easily make out how many wonderful things the United States is doing in Pakistan. I suggest that whatever the U.S. is doing in Pakistan should also be publicized in other newspapers and magazines so that the masses could know what good things the U.S. is doing in here.

Dr. Azeem Alam Khan  
Islamabad

### Good to See

It was good to see that the December issue of the magazine was almost completely dedicated to the media-related issues. Ambassador Patterson's remarks at the SAFMA conference were quite thought-provoking. Her saying that the U.S. supports press freedom worldwide must be a source of great encouragement for all those professional journalists who are fighting to uphold press freedom anywhere in the world. The write-up by an International Visitor program participant, which of late has become a regular feature of "Khabr-o-Nazar," provides the readers with an unbiased insight into the U.S. society. The USAID's support in the health and education sectors of Pakistan once again came to the fore with this issue of the magazine.

Danish Sattar  
Karachi





U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (left), U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy (second from left), and U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne W. Patterson offering condolences to a representative of the Pakistan People's Party at party headquarters in Islamabad after the death of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

## U.S. Delegation Expresses Condolences For Lives Lost In Bombing Attack



U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy presenting a floral tribute at PPP headquarters in Islamabad on December 27, 2007.

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy, and U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne W. Patterson expressed their deepest condolences to the late Benazir Bhutto's family and to the people of Pakistan upon the death of the former Prime Minister and other victims of the December 27, 2007 bombing attack in Rawalpindi.

Senator Specter (Republican-Pennsylvania), Representative Kennedy (Democrat-Rhode Island), and Ambassador Patterson visited the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) headquarters in Islamabad on December 27 to deliver a floral tribute and to offer their sympathy for the tragic loss of Ms. Bhutto and other innocent victims of the attack.

The U.S. officials echoed President Bush's statement that the people of the United States "stand with the people of Pakistan in their struggle against the forces of terror and extremism. We urge them to honor Benazir Bhutto's memory by continuing with the democratic process for which she so bravely gave her life."

# President, Mrs. Bush Offer Condolences Condemn Violence



President George W. Bush speaks to the nation from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, Texas, on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 in response to the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan. White House photo by Chris Greenberg.

Prairie Chapel Ranch  
Crawford, Texas  
December 27, 2007

THE PRESIDENT: Laura and I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Benazir Bhutto, to her friends, to her supporters. We send our condolences to the families of the others who were killed in today's violence. And we send our condolences to all the people of Pakistan on this tragic occasion.

The United States strongly condemns this cowardly act by murderous extremists who are trying to undermine Pakistan's democracy. Those who committed this crime must be brought to justice. Mrs. Bhutto served her nation twice as Prime Minister and she knew that her return to Pakistan earlier this year put her life at risk. Yet she refused to allow assassins to dictate the course of her country.

We stand with the people of Pakistan in their struggle against the forces of terror and extremism. We urge them to honor Benazir Bhutto's memory by continuing with the democratic process for which she so bravely gave her life.

# Benazir was a Champion for Democracy: Secretary Rice

*Remarks on Signing Condolence Book for Benazir Bhutto*



Secretary Rice signs condolence book for Benazir Bhutto at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington on December 28, 2007.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited the Pakistan's Embassy in Washington on December 28, 2007 to sign the condolence book for Benazir Bhutto. Following are the excerpts from her remarks made after the signing of the condolence book:

“Let me just say that I wanted to come to express personally, and also on behalf, of course, of the American people, our deep sympathies with the Bhutto family, with her supporters and, of course, with the Pakistani people. This is a day of great tragedy, great mourning. She was a champion for democracy. She was a courageous woman. In my conversations with her, her commitment and her dedication came through very clearly, and most especially her love for her people and for her country. And I believe that her legacy will be one of being remembered for that dedication. And as the President said yesterday, the way to honor her memory is to continue the democratic process in Pakistan so that the democracy that she so hoped for can emerge.”

# “Save the Environment”

## Student Poster Exhibition At National Science Museum



An exhibit of student environmental posters at the National Museum of Science and Technology (NMST) was inaugurated in Lahore on December 7 by the Acting Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Consulate, Antone Greubel.

“The U.S. Consulate regularly organizes programs underlining the importance of environment, but it is always exciting when such programs involve the youth and children,” the American diplomat remarked. “This exhibit is one way of getting children involved in thinking about environmental issues.”

In April 2007, the Consulate invited entries from schools participating in the Access English Micro-scholarship Program in Lahore and Multan, and recipients of the American Discovery Centers in Lahore. More than 60 children, ages 12-15, sent in posters done in water colors, oil paint, pastels and crayons. Pictures of the top five posters were printed in the May 2007 issue of the Embassy's monthly magazine Khabr-o-Nazar.

“It is a pleasure to host this wonderful exhibit here. It is one of the many examples of the continued collaboration between the Science Museum and the U.S. Consulate Lahore to increase awareness about issues that affect all of us,” Director NMST Sajid Anwar Malik remarked. The exhibit remained on display through December.

Posters by the following participants were awarded the top five prizes earlier this year: Ali Shafique, St. Anthony's College; Rida Ali, Pepperdine School; Iqra Jehangir, Pepperdine School; Arifa Latif, Qila Lakshman Singh CARE School; M.K Sherpao and M. Salman Ibraheem of Aitchison College shared the 5th prize.



School children enjoying one pro-environment posters exhibit.



Acting Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Consulate Antone Greubel and NMST Director Sajid Anwar Malik talk with students at the inauguration of the poster exhibit.

# USAID Donates Equipment to Fight Spread Of Avian Influenza in Pakistan

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) donated more than \$72,000 worth of personal protective equipment, decontamination and laboratory tools, and poultry testing kits to help Pakistan respond to and contain outbreaks of Avian Influenza.

“Outbreaks of Avian Influenza represent a major public health threat and have huge economic consequences,” said Anne Aarnes, the Mission Director of USAID in Pakistan at a ceremony in Islamabad on December 18, 2007. “We are more than pleased to work with the people of Pakistan to diminish the threat Avian Influenza poses and to protect the brave men and women who are out there fighting the disease.”



Donated to the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock and the National Institute for Health, the protective suits, respirators, goggles and gloves will be distributed to workers who must come in direct contact with Avian Influenza-infected poultry. The equipment will limit the risk of animal-to-animal and animal-to-human infection during outbreak response activities such as disposing of infected poultry and decontaminating poultry-raising areas.

Pakistan is one of the twenty-four countries throughout Asia and the Near East that have experienced outbreaks of Avian Influenza. Forty-seven outbreaks of Avian Influenza were recorded in Pakistan in 2007.



The Senior Scientific Officer of the National Reference Lab for Poultry Zaheer Ahmed showing the contents of donated kits to the USAID Mission Director Pakistan, Anne Aarnes, and Joint Executive Director, National Institute for Health, Shahid Akhtar.

The equipment is part of the \$1.5 billion in aid that the U.S. Government is providing to Pakistan over five years to improve economic growth, education, health and governance and to assist with earthquake reconstruction.



Ms. Anne Aarnes, Mission Director USAID Pakistan along with Dr. R.H. Usmani, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock looking at the boxes of the donated kits.



Consul General Kay Anske welcomed by folk musicians at historic fort of Kotdiji in Upper Sindh.

# Consul General Visits Sindh

The U.S. Consul General Karachi Kay L. Anske, visited several districts in upper Sindh from December 2-4, 2007, and met with a cross-section of politicians, academicians and public representatives.

The Consul General visited the historic archeological site Moenjodaro and met with the District Nazim for Qamber-Shahdadkot who briefed her on the various development projects initiated in recent years.

In Larkana, Consul General Anske met with the PPP leader and former Opposition Leader in the Sindh Assembly, Mr. Nisar Ahmad Khuhro and PML-Q Sindh leader Haji Altaf Hussain Unar.

After visiting Sukkur, she went to the Shah Abdul Latif University in Khairpur and met with Vice Chancellor Dr. Nilofer Shaikh. She planted a tree in the botanical research garden of the University. Ms. Anske then met with PPP Sindh Chief Syed Qaim Ali Shah at his residence. Former District Nazim Nafisa Shah was also present during the meeting. She also met with Gul Mastoi, Project Manager of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) which is a partner on projects with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID.)

Leaving Khairpur, the Consul General toured the historic fort of Kot Diji. The Consul General was accompanied by Political Officer Matthew Bunt.



Consul General Kay Anske during her visit to historic 'Faiz Mahal of the Talpurs' in Khairpur.



U.S. Consul General Kay L. Anske planting a tree in Botanical Research Park of the Shah Latif University Khairpur along with VC Dr. Nelofer Shaikh.

# Toys for Tots



Members of the Mission at the U.S. Consulate Karachi participated in the annual "Toys for Tots" event. The primary goal of the 57-year-old Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps is to deliver, through a shiny new toy, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.



