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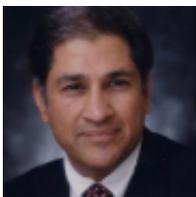
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Message from BPF Chairman:

Dear Readers,

With the holy month of Ramadan close to an end and the sighting of the new moon, the British Pakistan Foundation wishes everyone a very happy Eid-ul-Fitr. We hope this Eid brings you joy, love and happiness.

With warm regards,



Asif Rangoonwala

Chairman
British Pakistan Foundation

JULY UPDATES

In this issue, we provide you with a list of Eid events, exciting news updates from Pakistan and the UK, and the opportunity to become a part of the British Pakistan Foundation.

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A new calamity faced by Pakistan – the heatwave in Karachi – has killed over a thousand Pakistanis. The tragedy has triggered a debate about climate change initiatives in the country, and we sincerely hope that the government undertakes measures to effectively tackle it.

We also invite our readers to share the story of how their families immigrated to the UK – a write-up, video or photographs – to be featured in our soon-to-be-launched blog. The aim of this project is to share interesting stories of the development of and challenges faced by the Pakistani community across the UK. Please email these to sonia.malik@bpfuk.org. Finally, to stay informed about the latest happenings at BPF, you can follow us on Twitter @BPF_UK or Facebook via BritishPakistanFoundation. We also feature updates on our website at www.britishpakistanfoundation.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Chand Raat Hungama 2015

15 July, 2015 | Chelsea Town Hall SW3 5EE

Join us with family and friends. Chand Raat Hungama being hosted for the fourth time and was listed in the 10 events of London in 2013. All proceeds will go to Edhi Foundation.

See details at: <https://allevents.in/london/chaand-raat-hungama2015/80002337185250>

Bym Eid Party

18 July, 2015 | Hotel Rafayel, SW11 3RF



A top three-course halal meal cooked by London's finest chefs! Bring your friends and family as everyone is welcome to celebrate Eid together. Book your place now to avoid disappointment. Limited tickets available.

For details, visit: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/by-ny-eid-party-tickets-17573098611>



HaLOL Comedy Night: Eid Special

20 July, 2015 | The Comedy Store, SW1Y 4EE

Back by popular demand, HaLOL Comedy Night: Eid Special will be hosted by the great Imran Yusuf, featuring popular acts such as Nabil Abdulrashid, Tar Kattan, Tez Ilyas, Shazia Mirza, Sol Bernstein, Pete Johansson and In Cahoots.

Showcasing the diversity of today's British comedy culture, Imran has once again brought together some of the best in British comedy today for this unique show that will challenge stereotypes and misconceptions of the role of faith, multiculturalism, and values in Britain today.

For details, visit: <http://www.timeout.com/london/comedy/halol-comedy-night>



Waltham Forest Eid Celebration 2015

23 July 2015 | Waltham Assembly Hall E17 4JD

Come and celebrate the end of Ramadan with family and friends with a fantastic evening of music and dance.

See details: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/waltham-forest-eid-celebration-2015-tickets-17096497083>



Eid Festival at Trafalgar Square 2015

25 July, 2015 | Trafalgar Square



Enjoy cuisine from across the Muslim world. This eve your chance to sample foods from Malaysia, Turkey, South Asia, Egypt, Lebanon, Indonesia, and the Mediterranean. It also features live music and performances, while there's also a range of fun activities for children to try, like face-painting, henna and calligraphy.

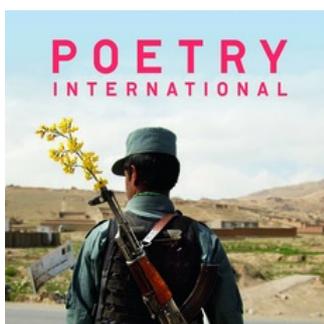
For details, visit: <https://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/events/eid-festival-2015-on-traffic-square>



Shujat Ali Khan Music Show and Dinner 25 July, 2015 | Collier Row Road, Essex RM5 2BH

Come fall in love with the magical voice of Shujat Ali Khan - singing classics from Bollywood, Nusrat Fateh Khan and Rahat Fateh Ali Khan. The evening will feature a live show and a three-course meal.

For details, visit: www.voodooentertainment.co.uk



Poetry International

25 July, 2015 | Southbank Centre, SE1 8XX

Southbank Centre's biennial Poetry International festival returns with talks, reading and innovative live performances. The event features renowned literary figures from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kurdistan, Iran, Palestine and Syria.

On 25 July, a mushaira will be held at 6pm. This will feature readings of translations of poets such as Saleer Khan, Zahid Ullah Khan and Dilwar Khan, accompanied by traditional Pakistani music.

For details, visit: <http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/festival-series/poetry-international>



Sufi Qawwali

31 July, 2015 | Cecil Sharp House, NW1 7AY

LAFZ Magazine will host a Qawwali concert to celebrate the end of Ramadan and to launch its third hard edit. Performers on the occasion will be the highly-talented Hussain Brothers.

For details, visit: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eid-qawwali-tickets-17512014908>



Big John's Birmingham Mela

16 August, 2015 | Canon Hill B13 8RD

Running for over 15 years, Big John's attracts over 40,000 people a year. The event provides an opportunity for people to celebrate the diversity of Birmingham through its culture, food, sport, art and entertainment. The event hosts artists from across the world and features a sport arena, a food market and a trade exhibition.

For details, visit:

<http://www.bigjohnsbirminghammela.com/>

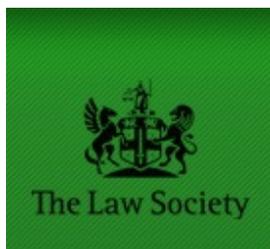


Zee London Mela 2015

6 September, 2015 | Gunnersbury Park W3 8LQ

Europe's largest outdoor South Asian festival returns with a spectacular line-up of live music, dance, visual arts and food from South Asia. Over 80,000 people enjoyed last year's creative triumph and this year the festival is set to be even bigger.

For details, visit: <http://www.londonmela.org/>



Celebrating Eid 2015

7 August 2015 | The Law Society WC2A 1PL

The Law Society, in association with the Association Muslim Lawyers (AML), is celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr by hosting an event focused on the religious significance of Ramadan and Eid and the positive impact of Muslim lawyers in the profession.

For details, visit: <https://events.lawsociety.org.uk>

NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS



Inspire UK 2015

2 July, 2015 | House of Lords

Inspire UK hosted an evening event at the House of Lords, sponsored by Baroness Sandip Verma, to support the launch of Board Apprentice, a new and unique not-for-profit organisation dedicated to increasing diversity on company boards.

Founded in 2014 by Charlotte Valeur, an independent Non-Executive Director and governance specialist and a fellow member of Inspire, Board Apprentice is a practical initiative that offers boards access to a wider pool of talent and gives individuals an opportunity to gain insight into the operations and dynamics of a board.

UK stores cash in on Ramadan rush

The British supermarkets are cashing in on Ramadan with sales for the holy month expected to soar over £120 million, while department stores have added prayer rooms to entice shoppers into stores.

Ramadan, which comes to an end next week with Eid celebrations, is set to become the third most important period for retailers in the UK, after Christmas and Easter. The spending power of Muslims is huge during the holy month, when believers refrain from eating and drinking during daylight hours.

Read more: <http://www.dawn.com/news/1193613/>

Pakistan mangoes attract crowds at "Taste of London" food festival



Pakistani mangoes at the Pakistan High Commission remained a popular choice at Taste of London. The stall pulled huge crowds during the five-day festival at Regent's Park. Pakistan High Commissioner Syed Ibrar Abbas inaugurated the stall.

Read more: <http://www.phclondon.org>

Pakistan heatwave: Death toll of over 1,000 in Sindh

Over a 1,000 people died from a heatwave in Pakistan's southern Sindh province, several reports suggested. At least 950 people have died in Karachi, with tens of thousands being treated for heatstroke and dehydration. The Pakistani government was criticised for not taking enough measures to curb the crisis.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-33274171>

Nawaz Sharif meets Malala Yousafzai in Oslo

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai held their first off meeting on 8 July after both attended a UN education summit in Oslo.

The 17-year-old activist, who was shot and nearly killed by the Taliban in Pakistan in October 2012, said Sharif told her that his government would support her if she decided to visit the country.

"He said my country is always there for me. And I said that it is my responsibility as a Pakistani to return Pakistan and help people there," said Ms Yousafzai, adding that any visit would have to coincide with her school holidays.

Read more:

<http://www.asiantimesonline.co.uk/news/worldnews/Nawaz+Sharif+meets+Malala+Yousafzai+in+Oslo/>

Dukhtar, Abdullah selected for Indian Film Festival in Melbourne



Three Pakistani films have been selected for the Indi Film Festival in Melbourne.

Dukhtar, *Abdullah* and *Burka Avenger* will be shown in the '[From The Subcontinent](#)' category at the festival between August 14 and August 27.

Khoobsurat starring Pakistani actor Fawad Khan will be screened at the festival.

Read more: <http://www.dawn.com/news/1193613/>

OPPORTUNITIES

Punjab government hiring Vice Chancellors

The Government of Punjab is seeking to appoint Vice Chancellors in some top universities of the Punjab (Pakistan). The candidates should have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields, preferably in education and academic administration with proven track record of initiating and managing change, strategic planning and overseeing the implementation of plans. They must also have strong credentials, managerial skills and resourcefulness who can contribute towards higher education sector development.

2. There is no age restriction and the qualified candidates will be offered a four year term (extendable by another four years subject to evaluation) at a highly competitive market

based salary.

3. We seek your assistance in identifying suitable candidate(s). It would be appreciated if details of any interested aspirants from your esteemed institution be conveyed to us at the earliest. The High Commission will subsequently conduct a video conference for the interested candidates and the Higher Education Department of Punjab within ten days. A qualitative selection criteria is attached.

4. Any queries in this regard may be referred to the undersigned and **Email Irum Bukhari: secretary.hed.punjab@gmail.com**).

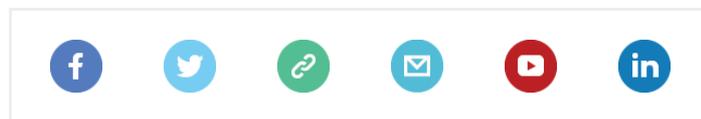
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