



September 2015

#### Message from BPF Chairman:

Dear Readers,

I wish our subscribers a joyous and a happy Eid-ul-Adha.

With warm regards,



Asif Rangoonwala Chairman British Pakistan Foundation

## AUGUST UPDATES

The <u>British Pakistan Foundation</u> hosted its first <u>social media even</u>t this September through its <u>Business and Professional's network</u>. The event was sold out, and we received very positive feedback from our members.

We hope to receive an equally enthusiastic response to the second in a series of <u>networking</u> <u>events</u> through our Business and Professionals Club to be held in November 2015. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We hope, as our readers, that you enjoyed <u>our new blog</u>. We will be bringing you more interesting stories from our own community in the future, including interviews with politicians and businessmen.

In the next two months, London, Birmingham and Manchester will witness scores of interesting events, including both Pakistan and India Fashion Week, and concerts by Pankaj Udhas and Fariha Pervez, among others. You can read more about upcoming South Asian events below.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN LONDON**



#### 1Eid Fest 2015

**25 -26 September 2015 | Goodmayes Park, IG3 9RP** Celebrate Eid-ul-Adha with 1Eid - a grass root organisation arranging a fun fair on Eid for the last ten years. The fair is open for all to attend after Eid prayers on Friday and Saturday.

#### See details

#### Sain Zahoor at Barbican Centre



**27 September, 2015 | Barbican Centre, WC1H 0XG** Sain Zahoor is a true original. After a recurring dream as a child and being called away from his family, he's devoted his life to singing at shrines and gained a cult following. The sound of his voice is raw and powerful and the lyrics are surprisingly radical.

Rising to prominence in 1989 at the All Pakistan Music Conference, he didn't produce a record until 2006 – and was then promptly nominated for the *BBCWorld Music Award*.

#### See details

#### Seminar: radicalisation in Pakistan & Britain

**30 September, 2015 | Khalili Lecture Theatre, WC1H 0XG** Moderators Dr Amina Yaqin and Sir Willian Blackburne of The Pakistan Society will hold a conversation with writer Owen Bennett Jones, the author of Pakistan: Eye of the Storm.



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#### **Brit Asian TV Music Awards**

#### 3 October, 2015 | Barclaycard Arena, B1 2AA

The BritAsia TV World Music Awards will return to Birmingham for the sixth time. The event is one of the most eagerly anticipated of the year for Brummies. Book a ticket today to see performances by top British Asian artists.

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#### Party tou Banti Hai

4 October, 2015 | SSE Arena HA9 0AA



Attend a concert with a gem of a star list featuring the best of India and Pakistan. Mika Singh, Fawaad Khan, Chitrangada Singh, Mehwish Hayat, Quratulain Balouch and Zareen Khan will all be performing. For discounted tickets, call 07340099700

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#### Fariha Pervez Concert

#### October, 2015 | Royal Nawaab London UB6 8DW

Fariha Pervez became a household name in Pakistan with her Basant hit song Bo Kata, and has recently enjoyed critical acclaim with Jogi, which she sang live on Coke Studio.

#### See details

#### Pakistan Fashion Week London

**9-10 October, 2015 | Westminster Central Hall SW1H 9NH** Pakistan Fashion Week 8 is the premier presentation of Pakistan's fashion industry on a Western stage. This season, 36 designers will present their creations at an iconic new venue. The event will run for two days.

#### See details





#### India fashion Week London

#### 9-11 October, 2015 | Excel London

India Fashion Week London will feature some of the best British Indian design talent. Anita Dongre, Anjalee & Arjun Kapoor, Mansi Malhotra and Neeta Lulla will all display designs during the three-day event.

See details



#### National Asian Wedding Show 2015

#### 10-11 October, 2015 | Excel London

Europe's largest Asian wedding show is now coming back to the capital's largest purpose built exhibition centre in October 2015. Over 16,500 people attended the National Asian Wedding Show at ExCeL London last year.

#### See details

#### Meet stars of Pakistani journalism

#### 31 October - 2 November, 2015 | London, Manchester, Birmingham

Meet the stars of Pakistani new media at this event, which will include some 200 renowned journalists from 15 countries. The conference will focus on the issues facing Pakistani journalism. Renowned journalists Mujeebur Rehman Shami, Ataul Huq Qasmi, Hasan Nisar, Altaf Hasan Qureshee and Mujahid Brailvi will be presented with life-time achievement awards. The conference will start in London and then move to Birmingham (1 November) and Manchester (3 November).

#### See details

#### **TCF-UK Charity dinner**

#### 4 November, 2015 | Mumtaz Restaurant, NW1 4SH

An auction and raffle will be held along with a charity dinner by The Citizens Foundation-UK. The TCF-UK builds



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and supports purpose-built schools for underprivileged children across Pakistan. It currently supports 1,060 school units educating 165,000 children.

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# RIGHTS WATCH SAVE THE DATE

## Human Rights Watch, South Asia Conference 13 OCTOBER 2015 | LONDON | 5pm – 7.30pm

Meenakshi Ganguly, the South Asia Director of Human Rights Watch, and <u>Saroop Ijaz</u>, a Pakistan lawyer and researcher, will discuss the shrinking space for dissent and criticism and the impact on human rights protections in the region. Other issues, such as access to education, child labour and early marriage, will also be discussed.

## **NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS**

#### BPF workshop: Unlocking Power of Social Media with Warren Knight



The British Pakistan Foundation (BPF) hosted a Social Media Workshop through its Business and Professionals Club on 17 September 2015 at the Hilton, Paddington. Warren Knight, an award-winning social media strategist, speaker and coach, shared tips about social media with the workshop participants. The event ran for about two hours, and many participants got an opportunity to question Mr. Knight about the effective use of social media for businesses.

#### Read more

### Sadiq Khan wins Labour London selection

Sadiq Khan has decisively won the contest to become



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Labour's candidate for the 2016 London mayoral election. He won 48,152 votes, a 58.9% share, in the fifth round of voting after four other candidates had been eliminated. Ex-minister Tessa Jowell, regarded as the frontrunner going into the contest, came second with 41.1% of the vote ahead of Diane Abbott in third place.

#### Read more

#### Pakistan Music and Media Awards 2015



The inaugural Pakistani Music and Media Awards took place on September 3, 2015 at Birmingham's Badshah Palace Conference and Banqueting Hall. Launched to recognise the growing talent among the Pakistani community within media, entertainment and sport, the evening was a glitzy affair of celebrities and prominent members of the media community.

#### Read more

#### Bradford footballer signs for a title-winning Pakistani team



A footballer hopes to be a role model for young Asian players in Bradford after signing for a title-winning team in Pakistan.

Irfan Khan, 26, signed for Karachi Electric Football Club, who won this year's Pakistan Premier League this summer, and will now line up for the side after their preseason break.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **CALL FOR INTERNSHIP**

#### **British Pakistan Foundation**

The British Pakistan Foundation is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic interns to work with our communications department.

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