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Pakistan Embassy in Tashkent Holds Event to Mark Anniversary of **"Maarka-e-Haq"**

The Embassy of Pakistan in Uzbekistan organized a special ceremony in Tashkent to commemorate the anniversary of Maarka-e-Haq (Battle of Truth), paying tribute to the Armed Forces of Pakistan for what participants described as the country's historic success during last year's military confrontation with India.

The event was attended by Pakistan's Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Ahmad Farooq, Defence Attaché Colonel Waqas, Consular Officer Saqib Ali, Chairman of Tashkent Urdu Zabihullah Balaggan, President of Tashkent Urdu Rashid Mahmood, as well as members of the Pakistani community residing in Uzbekistan along with their families.

Addressing the gathering, Ambassador Ahmad Farooq said the Pakistani nation had demonstrated remarkable unity and resilience during ***Maarka-e-Haq***. He noted that the entire nation stood firmly alongside its armed forces in the face of external aggression.

He further stated that the success had enhanced Pakistan's image internationally, adding that Pakistanis around the world now carry their national identity with greater confidence and pride.

Defence Attaché Colonel Waqas highlighted the capabilities of the Pakistan Armed Forces, saying the military is equipped with modern technology and advanced weaponry. He added that Pakistan's strengths in areas ranging from air power to cyber warfare were clearly demonstrated during last year's conflict.

Consular Officer Saqib Ali paid tribute to the Pakistani nation and its youth, saying that the adversary's technological capabilities proved ineffective against the cyber expertise of Pakistani young people. He recalled scenes in which civilians and military personnel worked together to neutralize hostile drones.



Chairman of Tashkent Urdu, Zabihullah Balaggan, said ***Maarka-e-Haq*** had demonstrated Pakistan's ability to defend itself and showcased the spirit of ***Bunyan-un-Marsoos*** before the world.

The ceremony also featured patriotic songs performed by children and a documentary highlighting key events related to ***Maarka-e-Haq***.

At the conclusion of the event, participants reaffirmed their commitment to national unity and pledged continued support for the defense, security and sovereignty of Pakistan.



Uzbek Foreign Minister Meets Pakistani Ambassador on Completion of Diplomatic Tenure

Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov met Pakistan's Ambassador to Uzbekistan ***Ahmad Farooq*** as the envoy concluded his diplomatic tenure in the country.

During the meeting in Tashkent, the two sides discussed ways to further strengthen the strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and Pakistan and explored opportunities to expand cooperation across various sectors.

Particular emphasis was placed on enhancing bilateral collaboration in trade, investment, education, cultural exchanges and other areas of mutual interest.

Foreign Minister Saidov appreciated Ambassador Farooq's contribution to promoting relations between the two countries and extended his best wishes for his future endeavours.

Ahmad Farooq had been serving as Pakistan's Ambassador to Uzbekistan since March 2023.



Uzbek Ambassador Highlights Deep Cultural and Literary Ties Between **Uzbekistan and Pakistan**

Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, **Alisher Tukhtaev**, has said that Uzbekistan and Pakistan share centuries-old historical, literary and cultural ties, with poets, writers, scholars and intellectuals playing a key role in strengthening the common heritage of both nations.

He made these remarks while addressing the launching ceremony of two books, **"Twentieth Century Short Stories"** and the **"Urdu-Uzbek Dictionary of Cognate Words,"** held in Islamabad.

The ambassador said Uzbekistan was participating for the first time in the launch of two important literary works. These include the Urdu-Uzbek Dictionary of Cognate Words compiled by renowned Urdu scholar, diplomat and linguist **Tosh Mirza Kholmirzayev**, and Twentieth Century Short Stories, translated into Urdu by experts from the **Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies**.

He expressed pleasure that the authors and translators of the books were also present at the event.

Ambassador Tukhtaev noted that the Urdu-Uzbek Dictionary of Cognate Words is the result of years of scholarly research and reflects the deep cultural and spiritual connections between the peoples of the two countries.

He said the linguistic similarities between Urdu and Uzbek serve as clear evidence of the historical, cultural, linguistic and religious closeness shared by the two nations.

The ambassador also thanked Pakistan's **National Language Promotion Department** for its support in organizing the event.

He noted that over the centuries, numerous poets, Sufi saints, scholars and craftsmen from Central Asia migrated to the Indian subcontinent, leaving a lasting impact that is still visible in both languages.

According to him, Uzbek and Urdu hold special significance due to their rich literary traditions and linguistic affinity, while centuries of academic, cultural and trade links between Central and South Asia have further strengthened their relationship.

Ambassador Tukhtaev expressed hope that the dictionary would serve as a valuable resource for students, teachers, translators and researchers, while helping to further enhance linguistic cooperation between the two countries.

Speaking about Twentieth Century Short Stories, he said the collection features around 50 stories by prominent Uzbek literary figures, including **Abdulla Qahhor, Said Ahmad, Saida Zunnunova, O'tkir Hoshimov** and **Shukur Kholmirzayev**.

He added that the stories beautifully portray human emotions, social realities and moral values such as love, loyalty, humanism and faith.

The ambassador said the publication of these books would promote greater interest in Uzbek literature in Pakistan and encourage creative collaboration between writers and poets of both countries.





Uzbek Ambassador Joins **FIFA World Cup 2026** Launch Event in Islamabad

The United States Embassy in Pakistan and the Pakistan Football Federation jointly hosted a special event in Islamabad to mark the launch of the FIFA World Cup 2026, bringing together prominent figures from various sectors. Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Alisher Tukhtaev, was among the distinguished guests in attendance.

The event was hosted by U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker and Pakistan Football Federation President Syed Mohsen Gilani. Participants included federal ministers, diplomats, athletes, and representatives of international companies.

During the gathering, guests congratulated Ambassador Tukhtaev on Uzbekistan's historic qualification for the FIFA World Cup for the first time. The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be held from June 11 to July 19 across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Participants praised Uzbekistan's achievement and commended the performance of its national football team





and players, expressing their best wishes for the tournament.

Speakers highlighted football's role in bringing people together, strengthening friendships, and promoting ties among nations. They also expressed hope that the FIFA World Cup 2026 would serve as a global celebration of sport and international unity.





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Mirziyoyev, Erdogan Discuss Expanding Strategic Partnership at Turkic States Summit



Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev held talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the informal summit of the Organization of Turkic States in the Kazakh city of Turkistan, where the two leaders discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral strategic cooperation.

According to the Uzbek president's office, the meeting began with both leaders noting that President Mirziyoyev's official visit to Ankara in January this year had elevated the comprehensive strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and Türkiye to a new level.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the steady implementation of key agreements reached at the highest level. They also highlighted the effectiveness of newly established mechanisms of cooperation between ministries and government agencies, which have contributed to the rapid expansion of bilateral ties across various sectors.

During the meeting, the leaders reviewed progress in trade, joint investment projects and growing air connectivity between the two countries since the beginning of the year. They



also discussed the implementation of ongoing projects involving Turkish companies in Uzbekistan.

Mirziyoyev and Erdogan further exchanged views on a range of regional and international issues of mutual interest.











Uzbek University Hosts Special Session on **Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**



The Urdu Club established at Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies organized a special session on the life and services of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, on May 6, 2026, under a roadmap agreed between the Embassy of Pakistan in Uzbekistan and the university.

The event was held at the university's "Urdu Corner named after Allama Muhammad Iqbal," a smart-learning Urdu center, and was attended by Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Pakistan Maha Shafiq, faculty members, and students.

In connection with the celebrations marking the 150th birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in Pakistan this year, the session focused on his life, vision, leadership, and contributions to the creation of Pakistan.

Addressing the participants, Maha Shafiq highlighted Quaid-e-Azam's historic role in securing an independent homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent. She also spoke about his democratic vision, political foresight, and unwavering struggle for the establishment of Pakistan.

Participants were later shown a documentary showcasing Jinnah's role as Pakistan's first Governor-General and his efforts to strengthen the foundations of the newly established state.

The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session aimed at assessing students' understanding and encouraging further discussion on the life, leadership, and legacy of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Uzbekistan, Pakistan Agree to Boost Tourism Cooperation Through **New Travel Routes and Joint Packages**

Uzbekistan and Pakistan have agreed to enhance cooperation in the tourism sector, with plans underway to introduce new travel routes and develop joint tour packages aimed at increasing tourist exchanges between the two countries.

As part of these efforts, Uzbekistan's Tourism Committee invited a delegation of Pakistani tourism companies to visit Uzbekistan from May 8 to 13. The initiative is intended to strengthen business-to-business ties and promote greater collaboration between the tourism industries of both nations.

A business forum was held on May 8 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Tashkent, bringing together representatives of 24 leading Pakistani tour operators and around 50 tourism companies from Uzbekistan.

During the meeting, participants discussed existing tourism cooperation, ways to encourage mutual travel, and opportunities for launching joint tourism programmes and travel products.

Following the discussions, tour operators from both countries agreed to work on developing new travel packages and expanding cooperation through partnership agreements.

Officials said that direct engagement between tourism companies would not only increase tourist flows but also help strengthen cultural and people-to-people ties between Uzbekistan and Pakistan.



During their visit, members of the Pakistani delegation are also scheduled to tour several of Uzbekistan's key tourist destinations, hold meetings with regional tourism authorities, and review tourism infrastructure and facilities.

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Uzbek President Launches National Reading Movement to Promote Book Culture

Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has launched a new nationwide programme aimed at promoting reading habits and fostering a culture of book appreciation across the country.

The initiative was unveiled during a ceremony held at the International Congress Center in the capital, Tashkent.

Addressing the event, President Mirziyoyev said that encouraging reading and strengthening book culture had become an important part of government policy. He stressed that books play a vital role in shaping the future of the nation, educating young people, and supporting the country's development.

As part of the effort, the government has introduced a new incentive scheme to reward outstanding readers. Under the national stage of the "Young Book Lover" competition, 42 young participants from across Uzbekistan took part, with three top winners receiving modern vehicles as prizes.

President Mirziyoyev also referred to the United Arab Emirates' "Arab Reading Challenge," noting that Uzbekistan is adopting similar initiatives to further encourage reading among young people.

Announcing the launch of the "National Reading Movement," the president said the programme would offer annual prize funds totaling $240,000, with the overall winner receiving a grand prize of $50,000.



The programme will be implemented in schools nationwide and will involve students from grades one through eleven. President Mirziyoyev called on students, parents, and teachers to actively participate in the national campaign and help cultivate a stronger reading culture throughout the country.



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خواجہ نصر الدین افندی، دانائی اور مزاح کا حسین امتزاج



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خواجہ نصر الدین افندی ترک اور وسطی ایشیائی لوک روایت کا ایک ایسا کردار ہیں جنہیں صدیوں سے عقل، مزاح اور دانائی کی علامت سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ اگرچہ تاریخی طور پر ان کی اصل نسبت ترکیہ کے علاقے اناطولیہ سے جوڑی جاتی ہے، تاہم وقت گزرنے کے ساتھ ان کی کہانیاں پورے وسطی ایشیا میں پھیل گئیں اور ازبکستان، قازقستان، تاجکستان اور دیگر خطوں کی ثقافت کا حصہ بن گئیں۔ ازبکستان میں انہیں خاص طور پر ''خواجہ نصر الدین افندی'' کے نام سے جانا جاتا ہے اور ان کے قصے آج بھی بڑے شوق سے پڑھے اور سنائے جاتے ہیں۔

تاشقند اردو میں ان پر مضمون لکھنے کی ایک اہم وجہ یہ بھی ہے کہ ازبکستان کی تاریخ اور ثقافت میں ان کا کردار غیر معمولی اہمیت رکھتا ہے۔ بخارا، سمرقند اور خیوہ جیسے تاریخی شہروں میں ان کی کہانیاں نسل در نسل منتقل ہوتی رہی ہیں۔ ازبک بچے آج بھی ان کے دلچسپ قصے سنتے ہوئے بڑے ہوتے ہیں، جبکہ ادیب، فنکار اور دانشور ان کی شخصیت کو ازبک معاشرت کا اہم حصہ قرار دیتے ہیں۔

دلچسپ بات یہ ہے کہ برصغیر اور وسطی ایشیا میں ان کے نام کے تلفظ اور املا میں بھی فرق پایا جاتا ہے۔ ازبکستان، ترکیہ اور وسطی ایشیائی روایات میں انہیں زیادہ تر ''خواجہ نصر الدین افندی'' کہا جاتا ہے، جبکہ پاکستان اور ہندوستان کے اردو ادب میں ''خواجہ نصیر الدین'' یا ''ملا نصیر الدین'' بھی عام طور پر لکھا جاتا ہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق اصل عربی نام ''نصر الدین'' تھا، مگر مختلف زبانوں اور علاقوں میں وقت کے ساتھ اس کے تلفظ میں تبدیلی آتی گئی۔ اسی وجہ سے اردو لٹریچر میں ''نصیر الدین'' زیادہ مانوس بن گیا، جبکہ تاریخی اور وسطی ایشیائی روایت میں ''نصر الدین'' زیادہ مستند سمجھا جاتا ہے۔

خواجہ نصر الدین افندی کی مقبولیت صرف ان کے مزاح کی وجہ سے نہیں بلکہ اس حکمت کی وجہ سے بھی ہے جو ان کے ہر جملے اور ہر قصے میں چھپی ہوتی ہے۔ ان کی کہانیوں میں عام انسان کی زندگی، سماجی ناانصافی، لالچ، غرور اور انسانی کمزوریوں پر نہایت دلچسپ انداز میں طنز کیا جاتا ہے۔ وہ اکثر اپنے گدھے پر سوار ایک سادہ شخص کے طور پر دکھائے جاتے ہیں، لیکن ان کی حاضر جوابی بڑے بڑے لوگوں کو حیران کر دیتی ہے۔

ازبکستان میں ان کے کئی قصے زبان زدِ عام ہیں۔ ایک روایت کے مطابق کسی شخص نے ان سے پوچھا: ''دنیا کا سب سے عقلمند انسان کون ہے؟'' افندی نے جواب دیا: ''وہ جو اپنی غلطی مان لے۔'' ان کا یہ مختصر مگر گہرا جواب آج بھی دانش کی مثال سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ ان کی کہانیاں صرف تفریح نہیں بلکہ اخلاقی اور سماجی سبق بھی سمجھی جاتی ہیں۔

بخارا میں خواجہ نصر الدین افندی کا مشہور مجسمہ موجود ہے جہاں مقامی لوگ اور سیاح بڑی دلچسپی سے جاتے ہیں۔ ازبک ثقافت میں وہ خوش مزاجی، ذہانت اور عوامی دانائی کی علامت بن چکے ہیں۔ ان پر کتابیں لکھی گئیں، تھیٹر پیش کیے گئے اور فلمیں بھی بنائی گئیں، جس سے ان کی مقبولیت مزید بڑھی۔

اگرچہ مختلف ممالک انہیں اپنی روایت کا حصہ سمجھتے ہیں، لیکن ازبکستان میں ان کی مقبولیت ایک الگ مقام رکھتی ہے۔ یہاں ان کی شخصیت کو نہ صرف مزاحیہ کردار بلکہ عوامی دانشور کے طور پر دیکھا جاتا ہے۔ ان کی کہانیاں آج بھی یہ پیغام دیتی ہیں کہ سچ بات اگر دانائی اور مزاح کے ساتھ کہی جائے تو وہ دلوں میں اتر جاتی ہے۔

خواجہ نصر الدین افندی اسی لیے صدیوں بعد بھی زندہ ہیں، کیونکہ ان کی باتوں میں ہنسی کے ساتھ زندگی کی گہری حقیقتیں پوشیدہ ہیں۔