

Azerbaijan - Pakistan relations

Brief historical information on diplomatic relations:

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan was one of the first countries that recognized the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on December 12, 1991. The diplomatic relations between two countries were established on June 9, 1992. The Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Azerbaijan was opened on March 12, 1993. Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan was opened on August 24, 1997. The ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is Dashgin Shikarov.

High level visits and meetings:

Head of States:

October 9-11, 1995 - The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Sardar Faruq Legari paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

April 9-11, 1996 - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev paid an official visit to Pakistan.

July 8-10, 2004 - The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

April 12-13, 2005 - The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev paid an official visit to Pakistan.

October 13-16, 2012 – The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 12th Summit meeting of Organization of Economic Cooperation).

Head of Governments:

May 5-7, 2006 - The Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shaukat Aziz paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 9th Summit meeting of the Organization of Economic Cooperation).

Ministers of Foreign Affairs:

January 24, 1994 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Sardar Asef Ahmad paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.

March 14-15, 1995 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Hasan Hasanov paid an official visit to Pakistan (The 3rd Summit meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference).

May 8-21, 1999 - The State Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Mohammad Siddiq Khan Kanju paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 9th Ministerial Board Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Economic Cooperation).

May 3, 2006 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (Summit meeting of the Organization of Economic Cooperation).

June 19-21, 2006 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 33rd session of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference).

May 15-17, 2007 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Elmar Mammadyarov paid a working visit to Pakistan (The 34th session of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference).

June 15, 2010 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Elmar Mammadyarov paid a working visit to Pakistan.

October 13-16, 2012 – The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Hina Rabbani Khar paid a working visit to Azerbaijan (The 12th Summit meeting of the Organization of Economic Cooperation).

Inter-parliamentary relations:

June 18-20, 2008 - The Chairman of the Senate of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Muhammad Mian Soomro paid a visit to Azerbaijan (The 90th Anniversary of the Azerbaijani Parliament).

February 11-12, 2013 – The Chairman of the Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan Republic Ogtay Asadov paid a working visit to Pakistan (The first meeting of the

Interparliamentary Assembly of the Organization of Economic Cooperation). The head of Azerbaijan-Pakistan inter-parliamentary working group is Arastun Javadov. The Chairman of Pakistan-Azerbaijan Friendship Group is the Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Shazia Fatima Khawaja is a convener of the group.

Humanitarian cooperation:

Cultural and humanitarian events:

USD 1 million was donated by Government of Azerbaijan in **2010** and USD 2 million in **2011** to lift consequences of flood disaster in Pakistan.

2012-2014. Heydar Aliyev Foundation donated one fully equipped ambulance and 2000 blood bags to Hamza Foundation, issued funds for building of new block and the waiting rooms in Khayber Eye Foundation, constructed water supply scheme in Dera Ismail Khan district, arranged free treatment at Institute of Cerebral Palsy and the Mother and Child hospital of Peshawar. Open heart surgeries at Kulsum International hospital and Hepatitis B vaccination in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were conducted. The foundation pays stipends to 41 deserving students of 12 Pakistani universities and the Rara Girls School. Humanitarian actions were also carried out by Heydar Aliyev Foundation during the Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.

Contractual-legal basis:

30 documents were signed between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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