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**AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKHSTAN & TURKMENISTAN  
IN PAKISTAN CALL ON FEDERAL MINISTER FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SERVICES**



**Ambassador of Kazakhstan H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin and Ambassador of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr Atadjan Movlamov called on Federal Minister for Communications Asad Mehmood separately. On this occasion shields were also presented to the visiting guests.**

Ambassador of Kazakhstan in Pakistan Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin called on Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood here today. Senior officers from Ministry of Communications and National Highway Authority were also present.

Taking to the visiting guest, Mr. Asad Mahmood said, Pakistan and Kazakhstan are bound in age old cultural and religious values and the time is to revive this relationship as per requirement of the existing conditions. To this effect, people to people contacts and exchange of delegations may pave the way to bring both the brotherly countries more closer. He said,

there are vast opportunities of working together in construction sector. To achieve the targets in the prevailing environment, coordinated planning on bilateral, regional and global level is dire need of the time. He said, landlocked republics will avail access to rest of the world through development of Gwadar Port which will bring about socio-economic uplift in the whole region, Mr. Asad Mehmood added.

Expressing deep sense of gratitude, the Ambassador of Kazakhstan Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin said, in recent past an international gathering was arranged in Kazakhstan on philosophy and services of Dr. Muhamamd Iqbal poet of the east. Besides an international trade conference was also arranged participated by more than 120 international traders including Turkey, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. He said, Kazakhstan takes interest in developing close relationship with Pakistan in various economic sectors. The visiting ambassador desired to enhance the trade volume by one billion dollar with Pakistan.

Later Ambassador of Turkmenistan based in Pakistan Mr. Atadjan Movlamov also called on Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Asad Mahmood. Welcoming the honourable guest, Mr. Asad Mahmood said, great potential exists between Pakistan and Turkmenistan to expand range of bilateral relations. He termed Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-Iran (TAPI) Gas Pipeline project a big move to overcome energy crisis. He recalled that fibre optic project is another example of brotherly relationship between the two countries. He said, Pakistan possesses extra ordinary ideal location on world map and that all possible measures will be taken to have maximum benefits from this location. Mr. Asad Mahmood also desired to nominate focal persons and working groups to explore areas of mutual interests. Speaking about the shared values Mr. Asas Mahmood pointed out about 500 joints words which are used in Urdu and Turkmen languages.

On this occasion Mr. Atadjan Movlamov said, work on a Transit Trade Agreement is underway to prepare the ground for extending range of cooperation between the two countries and that Afghanistan will also be benefitted from this agreement. He said, deep rooted shared cultural ties will cement bilateral relationship in the coming years between the two countries, he hoped.