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High commissioner gives a good send-off to Lib-Dem MPs delegation for Pakistan

Donna Khan
LONDON: Simon Hughes, MP and President of Liberal party, flew out on Saturday evening with a delegation to Pakistan after attending a press conference held at the High Commission of Pakistan saying that he was "feeling like a child being told he was going on holiday". He said he was "excited and delighted" at the opportunity to visit Pakistan.

High Commissioner Dr Maleeha Lodhi said she was "pleased to give the delegation a 'good send off'". She hoped the delegation would be able to meet parliamentarians and high-level members of government and other members of the Liberal party.

Accompanying Simon Hughes MP on the delegation is Don Foster MP and Ben Jephcott, a Liberal Democrat MP.

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FORMER Manchester councillor Qassim Afzal, who has been in the line of control since the 1990s, has been invited to see the country's progress to see the conflict for no reason other than he has been in the line of control since the 1990s.

He said it is a sign of progress that the Indian army and Kashmiri rebels have agreed to a ceasefire.

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Fears for Kashmiri refugees raised with Pakistani president

Qassim Afzal and Simon Hughes with officials during Pakistan for talks on Kashmir with president Musharraf

FAMILIES of Kashmiri refugees had their concerns for their relatives raised during a visit to Pakistan after Qassim Afzal and Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat Executive member Qassim Afzal, met with President Pervez Musharraf over conditions in refugee camps - especially Cheatham residents have relatives.

The high level Liberal Democrat delegation has just returned from Pakistan after talks with the President and government ministers.

The delegation was led by Party President Simon Hughes MP and organized by Cheatham party activist



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LibDem President leads Inter-Parliamentary delegation to Pakistan and Kashmir Progress to peace in Kashmir, the fight against terrorism and rebuilding democracy in Pakistan are top of the agenda for a high level Liberal Democrat delegation to Pakistan, chaired by Qassim Afzal.

LibDem Federal Executive member Qassim Afzal, brain child behind the delegation and Party President Simon Hughes MP have been invited for talks with President Parvez Musharraf and government ministers in the Pakistani capital and meetings with political and community leaders in the disputed province of Kashmir.

The delegation, which flies out after a press conference called by the Pakistan High Commission Her Excellency Dr Maleeha Lodhi on Saturday Feb 12th, also includes Bath MP and LibDem Shadow Cabinet Minister Don Foster and Ben Jephcott, a member of the party's Campaigns Staff working for West Midlands MEP Liz Lynne.

Qassim Afzal, two time councillor, founder chair of the LibDem Friends of Pakistan, is a leading British born politician and former chair of the Manchester City Liberal Democrats. He recently hosted President Musharraf at meetings with MPs and community leaders in Westminster and in Manchester during the President's official visit to Britain.

Mr Afzal said: "We were pleased to accept the invitation from President Musharraf. Although tension between the two nuclear powers of India and Pakistan is now greatly reduced, it is clear that the peace process is at a critical stage.

"We shall be discussing what steps Britain and the EU can take to help promote moves to a just and sustainable peace which takes the wishes of the people of Kashmir into account. We will listen to the views not only of political leaders but ordinary people, with a visit to one of the many refugee camps where thousands of Kashmiris live in desperate poverty."



Qassim Afzal Delegation Calls on President Musharraf 2005, Islamabad HQ

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