



■ QASSIM AFZAL: International role

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

A MANCHESTER councillor has been given a major international role in a bid to forge stronger links between Britain and Pakistan.

Qassim Afzal, a Liberal Democrat councillor for Cheetham Hill, has been made a special adviser to Pakistan's High Commission in the UK, after establishing himself as one of Britain's leading authorities on the volatile state of Pakistani politics.

Afzal caught the eye of political observers when he predicted a military coup would occur in the country - just four weeks later, his prediction came true.

And the councillor isn't averse to mixing it with the big names when he feels the need. He recently had a run-in with Pakistan's former PM, Benazir Bhutto during her visit to Manchester over remarks about the recent coup.

He says: "I suggested that as there hadn't been the public uproar against it, didn't it show people wanted change? She wasn't too happy with my statement and accused me of siding with the army. But I had stated what was obvious. I also made it clear we want democracy in Pakistan."

"But the people clearly felt some things weren't being delivered."

Afzal adds: "My role is about helping to build bridges between Pakistan and Britain, both economically and socially."



Ambassadors: Wajid Shamshudin (97) Prof Akbar (99), A K Jaffer (02), Dr Maleeha Lodhi (07)



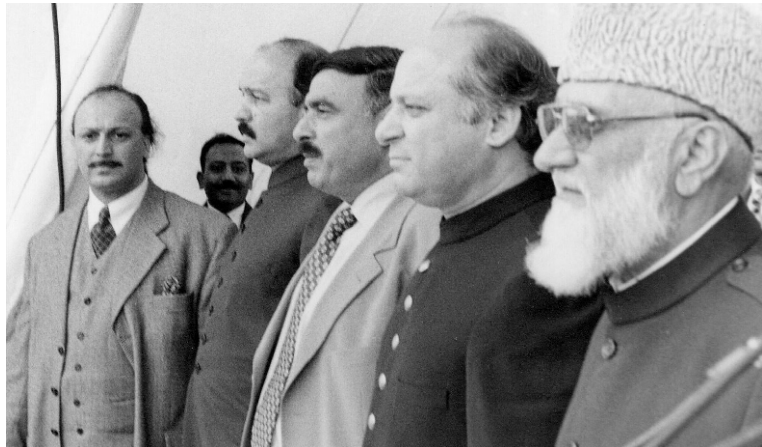
Qassim's high profiled political experience expands grass roots to national & international circles, acting locally thinking globally taking a creative liberal approach from green fields to green house gasses, refugees to regeneration, human rights to terrorism, foreign policy to Britishness.

Engaging at every level of the political spectrum.

Building bridges between Brittan and Pakistan, Kashmir, covering local issues to international peace delegations, using a life time of diplomatic communication skills, enhancing good relations, and a wider understanding of Culture, Religion and Political Divides.



President Parves Musharraf welcomes Qassim Afzal's Delegation



Qassim Afzal welcomes Prime Minster Nawaz Sharif (99) Manchester



Prime Minister Shokate Aziz London, X Prime Minister Banezir Bhutto, Qassim AFZAL, & Imran Khan MNA (Manchester) 1989 to 2005



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