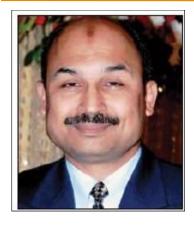


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Mr Khan graduated from the Government College Lahore, and received his Bachelor's Degree in General and Defense Studies from the University of Peshawar. He later joined and served in the Pakistan

Army, Corps of Artillery for 7-1/2 years. "Like they say: 'once a soldier, always a soldier'. In 1989, he joined the Civil Service as Assistant Director Protocol with the Ministry of Foreign Affair and his first assignment for the next three years involved extensive travelling to over 30 countries with top ranking government officials and delegates. After serving

for three years again as Second Secretary in Port Louis, Mauritius and a year as Assistant Director Africa in Islamabad, Mr Tasawar Khan pro-

ceeded to England to pursue his Master's Degree in International Diplomatic Studies from the University of London. His later assignments include key diplomatic posts in Saudi Arabia, Zimbabwe, Islama-

> bad, London and the last four years in Australia. Mr Tasawar Khan has represented Pakistan at innumerable international forums, conferences and summits. He loves reading; it was a habit inculcated in early childhood when his parents encouraged him and his nine siblings to read. He is married to Iffat Jabeen Khilji; they are the parents

of three daughters and a son.

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### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT

# **Pakistan**

# THE FLAG OF Pakistan



# **HISTORY**

Before the Second World War, Muslims and Hindus lived together under the British Raj. A number of the Muslims formed the All India Muslim League. After the Second World War, when the partition of India led to the creation of Dominion of Pakistan, the flag of the Muslim League served as the basis for the flag of Pakistan.

# **MEANING**

The color green in the Pakistan Flag stands for the Muslim majority and the white stripes stand for the religious minorities. The white star and the crescent represent light and progress. The flag was designed

Information gathered from: Wikipedia.com; the World Fact Book; blog.onepakistan.com.pk; Harappa.com; whc.unesco.org/ en/list/138

- Pakistan is the sixth most populous country in the world and has the largest Muslim population after Indonesia. In cultural diversity, it also has the most interesting mosaic.
- In 1947, George VI relinquished the title of Emperor of India and became King of Pakistan. He retained that title until his death on 6 February 1952, after which Queen Elizabeth II became Queen of Pakistan. She retained that title until Pakistan became an Islamic and Parliamentary republic in 1956.



- Artisanship is the most renowned cultural identification of Pakistan. The handicrafts making tradition is thousands of years old Pakistani custom
- Pakistan has the seventh largest standing armed forces in the world and is also a nuclear power as well as a declared nuclear weapons state, being the only nation in the Muslim world, and the second in South Asia, to have that status.
- Wagah Border is the only road border crossing between Pakistan and India.
   India and Pakistan forces meet sometimes at this place to celebrate holidays, such Diwali (photo to the right).
- Cricket is the most popular sport in Pakistan.



- Pakistan is the worlds 4th largest producer of Mangoes.
- India and Pakistan have fought at least three wars over Kashmir, including the Indo-Pakistani Wars of 1947, 1965 and 1999 and since 1984 the two countries have also been involved in several skirmishes over control of the Siachen Glacier.



Mohenjo-daro (great bath) is the earliest public water tank in the ancient world. Most scholars agree that this tank would have been used for special religious functions where water was used to purify and renew the well-being of the bathers.

