



# HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERSEAS DELGATION TO PAKISTAN

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OPGF strategic partnership with Legal Researchers

## **Context**

Overseas Pakistani Global Foundation based at New York, working for the streaming the voices of Pakistani overseas community – OPGF is a Non-Governmental, Non-Political and Non-Religious organization which deals in Human Rights and Human Resources Development for the Overseas Citizen of Pakistan throughout the World.

Legal Researchers firm is based at Islamabad as Partner organisation OPGF since 2017, offering legal service for Pakistani overseas and promoting advocacy at different forums for faced challenges.

The Prime Minister prioritizes in his agenda, overseas Pakistani challenges and given them opportunities for the contribution in the country economy to be boosted up. Currently almost 7.6 million overseas Pakistani lives abroad and they are contributed over \$ 15.87 billion yearly the National economy.

The Govt of Pakistan considering the existing overseas contribution in charity and other sectors however, overseas have faced hitches in terms of land grabbing on properties once they return back to their homes and they always faced general lack of support from the country's diplomatic missions abroad, it is pointed out that overseas Pakistanis faced "corrupt practices at all levels" in the country from exploitation to abuse at the hands of immigration officials. Overseas delegation prioritise few defy and scheduled meeting with the support of its partner based in Islamabad to meet the stakeholders for the appropriate solution and enhance the linkage for knowledge enhancement, networking and condition in the economy and humanitarian aid<sup>1</sup>.

### **Monday January 7, 2019**

The guest registration was started at evening 6:00PM. The E-Director met with overseas Pakistani foundation for final meeting. The meeting minutes are in this Edition of the Journal.

Followed by that at 7:30 PM all the delegates mutually conversed on one platform for a nice dinner in Marriot Hotel Islamabad. It was commented as what a humble and down to earth person provided everyone a chance to meet with friends, many of them had not met in the previous meetings or longer.

### **Few Of Prioritizations**

- A. Pakistani in Saudi Jails
- B. Non-Filer unable to buy Property
- C. Carrying Additional Mobile for provision on Visit to Pakistan
- D. Consultative workshop/Conference at New York and other countries
- E. International Youth task force utilize/base for connecting homeland

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<sup>1</sup> In 2017, approximately 1.75 million Pakistani visited homeland to see their native families and friends

## Meeting with State Minister

Mr. Zulfiqar Hussain Bukhari (overseas Pakistanis and human resource development) welcomed the delegation; he discussed the agenda points in details. He addressed to the DG immigration for coordination with OPF for data collection on the subject of prisoners in Saudi jail. Mr. Khasif DG immigration will be coordinated with relevant stake holders for detailing the required information to assist the prisoners. He spread the information that overseas can carry 2 to 3 mobile phones in roaming however only one new mobile can be carried, besides that, Minister conveyed to disseminate lack of information to the others as well. OPGF had highlighted the used computer access for common poor man as overseas can contribute in the education system but the taxation charges wave off particular on this subject. Mr. Bukhari has also spoke about that we are working on many polices to address the challenges faced by the overseas in addition to that, overseas children will be entertained as per their skills and expertise.



## Meeting with Islamabad Bar Association-Islamabad & Meeting with HR committee –Islamabad Bar Association

Mr. Riasat Ali Azad president Islamabad bar association expressed his views on the subject of the prisoners in Saudi jail. He was willing to offer his services on Pro-bono services, he added that senior bar lawyers to contribute their experiences for the initiative of transforming agreement by Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan. The bar sectary added that



we will work together and with the support of HR committee to this kind nature services will be entertained. He added that Legal Researchers is already working on capacity building and exchange of expertise will float internationally with the collaboration and support of OPGF. Mr. Abdul Rauf was of the opinion to enhance the curriculum of research and practical approach which is major contribution in rule of law.



## Talk show PTV world Highlights of Pakistani Prisoners in Saudi Jail.

During the show, Mr. Sheraz khan attorney legal advisor of overseas Pakistani global foundation expressed his views on prisoners approximately 3309 Pakistani at Saudi jail. Most had completed their detention however, they are facing problem in returning back to their home land. He further explained that 15 executed- 2018 and 74 Executed (2014-2018).



Mr. Sheikh Shakil described the limited awareness of Pakistani individuals travelling to Saudi Arabia for their livelihood opportunities. It was also highlighted that the overseas has less information about their rights and overstay procedure and polies which are the hindrance during their stay of their families' members.

Mr. Abdul Rauf Behlly Joint Secretary discussed about the Non-Filer unable to buy property in Pakistan. Government needs to re-visit the policy and procedure to accommodate the overseas Pakistani. He further talked about the attitude of ambassadors performing their responsibilities in different countries. Most of community faced challenged to get their appointment to see him and discussed their problem with them.



The overseas panellist profoundly gratitude to Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan and his tremendous vision for vivid approach towards overseas challenge. Prime minister taken the initiatives in terms of recent conference with ambassador to highlight the behaviour with community. Prime Minister, formulate to the ambassador for engaging the community elders and enhance their coordination for immediate solution for faced challenges.

