



Study Visit to UK

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Delegation

No. Youth Parliament Pakistan Delegation

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ABOUT PILDAT

Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development And Transparency - PILDAT (www.pildat.org) iPakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency PILDAT (www.pildat.org) is an indigenous, independent and non-partisan research and training institution, a political think tank, committed to strengthening democracy and democratic institutions in Pakistan.

PILDAT is a premier research organization of Pakistan focusing on democracy, governance and public policy. Founded in 2001, the organisation focuses on producing objective, research-based analysis on policies especially under review by the Parliament and the Executive. PILDAT conducts research on issues including finance, economy, poverty-reduction, regional/international trade, foreign/regional relations, political-economy, inter-provincial relations/federalism, women/youth in politics, etc. PILDAT prepares legislative Briefs on key legislations in consideration before Parliament.

PILDAT has held over 200 capacity-building and issue-based briefings for Parliament and Provincial Assemblies. It has also prepared over 300 briefing/background papers, case studies and other publications on public policy and legislative issues. PILDAT assists key Standing Committees in the National Assembly of Pakistan in the discharge of their responsibilities of oversight and scrutiny of the Executive through capacity building and background research. PILDAT also provides forums for comparative political and parliamentary learning through regional/international conferences and organizing study visits to other Parliaments.

PILDAT carries out annual performance review of Parliament/Provincial Assemblies. We facilitate formation of policy groups for research and dialogue on issues including Civil-Military Relations, Electoral Reforms, Relations between Muslims and Western World, FATA Status, Centre-Province Relations, etc. PILDAT also launched the first-ever Youth Parliament Pakistan to inculcate culture and values of democracy in youth and to prepare them for future leadership roles.

PILDAT has hosted many national and international conferences, workshops and forums involving national, regional and international leaders, subject specialists and policy experts. In its independent capacity, PILDAT works closely with the Parliament and through its non-partisan approach, with major political parties as well as the Executive and the Media. Further details about PILDAT's work can be obtained from its website: www.pildat.org

Youth Parliament Pakistan

Youth Parliament Pakistan (www.youthparliament.pk) is a platform for Pakistani Youth patterned after the National Assembly of Pakistan with 48 members from all over the country.

The Youth Parliament membership is selected from across the country for a one-year term. Establishment and facilitation of the Youth Parliament is part of PILDAT's focus on Youth in the country and Youth's awareness education and training in the norms of politics and democracy in the country. PILDAT strongly feels that sustainable democracy and the sustainability of sound democratic institutions in Pakistan is not possible without youth's involvement in the democratic and political process even if this involvement is simply as a citizen or voter.

The Youth Parliament Pakistan has its own 2-Party system, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition, a Youth Cabinet, a Shadow Cabinet and Parliamentary Committees. **Senator S. M. Zafar**, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Education, serves as a chairman of the Youth Parliament Steering Committee while **Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi**, MNA, Deputy Speaker National Assembly is the Patron of Youth Parliament. Other notable members of the Steering Committee include **Mr. Wazir Ahmad Jogezai**, former Deputy Speaker; **Dr. Donya Aziz**, MNA; **Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan**, MNA and **Ms. Anusha Rahman Khan**, MNA.

The Youth Parliament Pakistan consists of 48 young men and women who represent the four provinces, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory in proportion to the population of these units. The first-ever batch of Youth Parliament Pakistan completed its first term successfully in 2007-2008 while the second batch completed its term in 2008-2009. The third batch of Youth Parliament Pakistan is currently undergoing its 1 year term. **President and Prime Minister of Pakistan, Chairman Senate, Chief Justice of Pakistan, British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Federal Ministers**, a number of dignitaries and political leaders have addressed and inter-acted with the Youth Parliament while the Youth Parliament representatives have been invited to give youth input on National Education Policy in the **Federal Cabinet of Pakistan** meeting chaired by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

The Youth Parliament Pakistan project is conceived, planned and implemented by PILDAT while it has been supported by the UK Government's Strategic Priority Fund of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the US Embassy, Islamabad. The Geo TV acts as media partner of the Youth Parliament Pakistan.

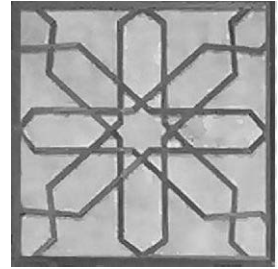


OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT TO UK

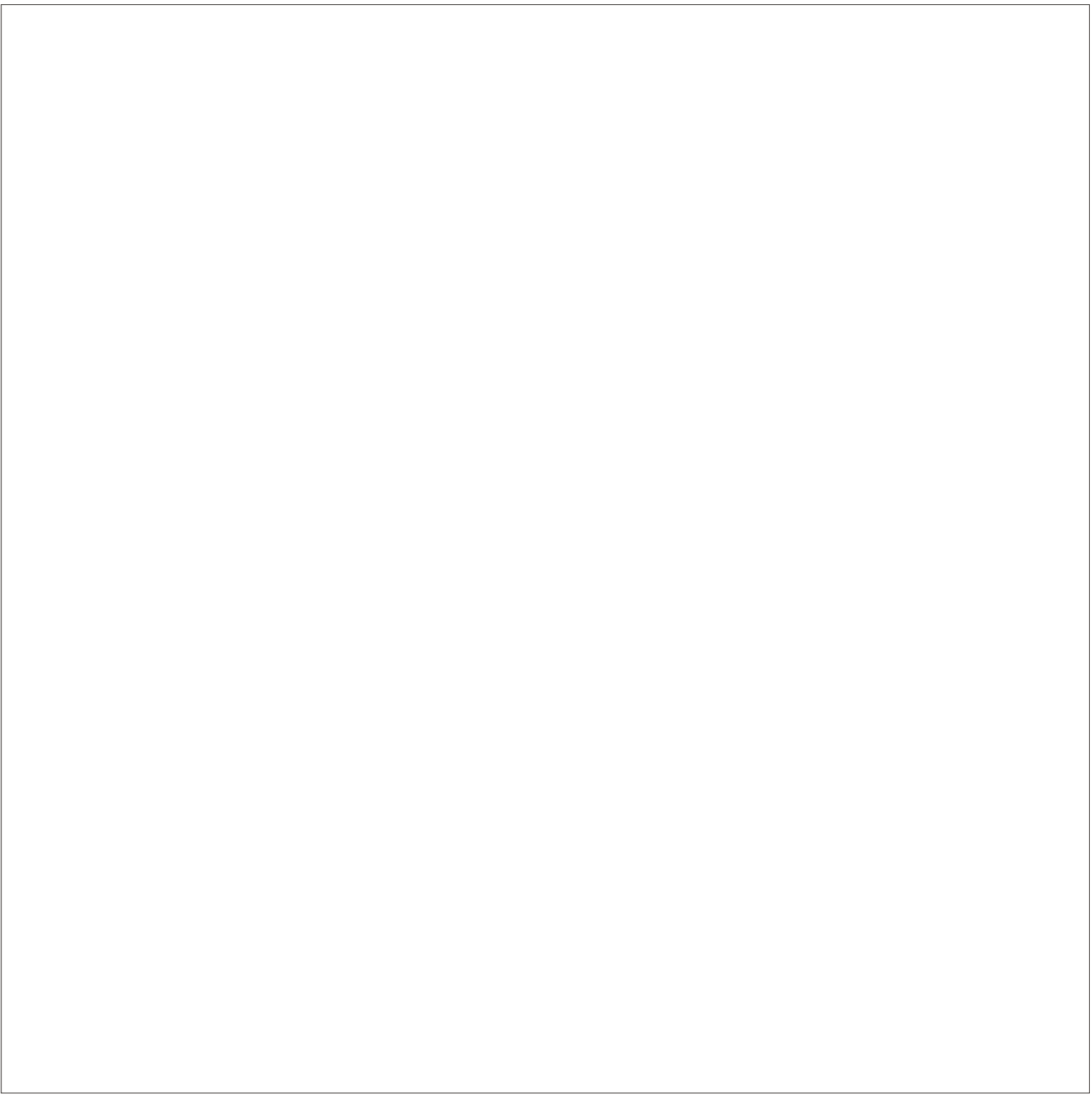
Study Visit to United Kingdom for a select delegation of the Youth Parliament Pakistan, that is taking place from **July 04-09, 2010**, has been facilitated by PILDAT to provide an opportunity to the Youth Parliament members to interact with the UK Youth Parliament, understand the workings of the House of Commons, UK, hold interactions with young office bearers of youth wings of UK's leading political parties and engage in a dialogue with the British youth, especially the Pakistani diaspora, on issues of mutual concern and interest.

The key objectives of the Study Visit are to understand the working of the British Political System and engage in a meaningful dialogue with the British youth counterparts on issues of mutual concern and interest. The visit provides opportunities to the delegates to understand the working of the British Parliament and various political parties, especially the key political parties and their youth affiliates. The visit includes interaction with the British youth organizations and engagement in a dialogue with the Pakistani-origin and Muslim community organizations active in the UK, to get an understanding of how civil society organizations hold the democratic system and the government to account or lobby for various causes such as the environment and the human rights and to understand how the executive branch works and how media freedom is protected in the UK.

The week-long Study Visit is expected to provide opportunities for the delegates to witness phenomena such as Multi-culturalism in the UK, accountability of the executive, both by the Parliament as well as by the media and the civil society organizations, tolerance for others' views, secularism, organization and working of the political parties, especially their youth affiliates and their role in the decision-making tiers of those political parties, rule of law and equality before the law and the tradition of scholarship, dialogue and debate in the British society.



Brief Profiles of Delegates





YOUTH PARLIAMENT PAKISTAN

Syed Manzoor Ahmed

YP04-Balochistan03

Youth Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Education Health and Environment

Syed Manzoor Ahmed was born on November 29, 1986 and belongs to district Qilla Abdullah, Balochistan. He is currently pursuing his Telecommunications Engineering from the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIEMS) at Quetta. Being a member of Youth Parliament Pakistan, he aspires to address the major problems of Pakistan (terrorism, poverty, unaccountability and ineffective education system) and strives towards their eradication, representing his province Balochistan at every level. Mr. Ahmed secured 2nd position in the 1st session of the Youth Parliament Pakistan 2009-2010 based on overall performance scores of the Youth Parliament batch 2009-2010. He has been actively involved in sports and has had the honour of representing Pakistan in its national football team.



“The UK Study visit will provide me with an exposure of the political system and help me understand the traditions, customs, norms and values in UK. I wish to learn from the system and apply learning upon my return at the provincial and national level.”



Hannan Ali Abbasi

YP15-KhyberPakhtunkhwa04

Former Youth Minister for Information; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Information

Mr. Hannan Ali Abbasi was born on August 29, 1985 and hails from Abbottabad. He is a young Author, Journalist and Broadcaster. His journalistic career started at the age of 16 when he started covering National Assembly proceedings, political developments, General Elections and proceedings of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He was appointed as Editor of a regional Daily Newspaper published from Rawalpindi and Abbottabad. In 2005, he became the youngest journalist ever to be awarded the "Pak-UK Excellence Award" by the AWAM International Group in the field of Media and Urdu Literature. Observing his services in highlighting the problems of people, affected in October 2005 Earthquake, a Turkey based international human rights organization I.H.H, The Foundation for Human Rights, Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief, awarded him the best Young Writer Award in Earthquake issues. He has worked with many national daily newspapers including Nawa-e-Waqt, Daily Ausaf, Daily Azkar and others. He has also worked with Radio Pakistan and Pakistani TV channel, the ATV. He has authored a book on "Zameeni Sitaray" which was distributed in all schools of his district by the District Government Abbottabad and District Government Mansehra. He also wrote an Urdu Drama "Kali Andhi" for Pakistan Television. He has participated in seminars on "Role of Media promoting the culture of Mutual Tolerance, Civic responsibility & Role of Law organized by the National Defiance University Islamabad and Pakistan Young Leaders Conference 2010 organized by National Union of Pakistani Students & Alumni (NUPSA). He has also visited China & Hong Kong with the national youth delegation.

"My purpose of visiting UK is to cultivate good relationship between Pakistan and UK as well as to increase cross-cultural awareness, especially among youth, between both countries."



Lehrasip Hayat

YP23-Punjab05

Youth Leader of the Opposition; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights

Mr. Lehrasip Hayat hails from Hafizabad and was born on July 9, 1988. He holds a BA (Hons.) in History and Political Science from the Government College University (GCU) Lahore with distinction. He has an academic Roll of Honour and a gold medal to his credit. He is currently pursuing an LLB (Hons.) at the University College Lahore (UCL) through the University of London External System. While at the GCU, he was president of the Garrett History Society and attended a survey course on American history that was organized by the US Consulate in Lahore. He also holds the position of elected Leader of the Opposition, Youth Parliament Pakistan. Being Leader of the Opposition, he has effectively led his parliamentary party, inculcating democratic and parliamentary values among fellow parliamentarians. He is also the initiator of Youth Policy on National Identity, passed by the Youth Parliament. Mr. Hayat is interested in politics, international law and identity formation. He believes in youth's active electoral participation and building democratic values in the society.

"I believe that the study visit to UK would help me understand the British society and will provide me with an opportunity to observe British Parliamentary system and its values."



Anam Javed Cheema

YP29-Punjab11

Chairperson, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Information

Ms. Anam Javed Cheema resides in Islamabad but hails from Toba Tek Singh and was born on April 24, 1989. Having completed her GCE A Level from Froebel's International School, she is currently pursuing her Bachelors in Dental Surgery. Ms. Cheema's previous leadership activities include representing Islamabad at the Young Leaders' Conference held in Karachi and organising protest rallies in support of Palestinian rights. She is currently working on the youth project, Developing Visionaries of Pakistan. She has also worked for the DAWN Expo and assisted in the rehabilitation of Swat IDPs. Ms Cheema aspires to contribute to developments in Pakistan's systems of healthcare and education.



“The study visit to UK will provide me with exposure of parliamentary best practices in UK, diversity of culture, working of the British media, aspirations and viewpoints of the British youth in general and the role of British youth in politics in particular.”



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Zil-e-Huma

YP31-Punjab13

General Secretary, Green Party; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights

Ms. Zile Huma hails from Chakwal and was born on July 17, 1986. After graduating in the subjects of English Literature and Psychology from Punjab University, she has obtained a Masters degree in International Relations from the Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. She was selected as Treasurer of International Relations Student Society and remained Girls' Representative for two semesters. Being a student of International Relations, her area of interest is Pakistan's Foreign Policy especially after 9/11. Ms. Huma secured second position for overall best performance in the third session of Youth Parliament Pakistan 2009-2010. Recently, she has also been selected for Global Scholar and Leaders Conference Singapore 2010 and Young Leader Conference Pakistan 2010. She plans to join the Foreign Service of Pakistan after the Civil Services competitive examination.

"I wish to learn about the British democratic values and the evolution of the British political and democratic system. I am interested in learning about the foreign policy of UK towards Pakistan after the new government has come in and to interact with youth groups in UK to understand their perceptions."



Madeeha Shahid Rana

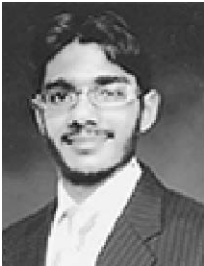
YP34-Punjab16

Former Youth Minister for Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs

Ms. Madeeha Shahid hails from Rawalpindi and teaches Human Resource and is also a coordinator for one of the centres of excellence, Centre for Industrial Linkages at National University of Sciences and Technology Business School Islamabad. She has completed her MBA in Human Resource, with a specialization in change management and organizational innovation from the Bahria Institute of Management and Computer Sciences, Islamabad. She has been an active member of different societies and clubs including the Multimedia Club, Arts & Literary Society, Rector's A Team. She was also a participant at the First Entrepreneur Summit and Human Resource Confluence at the Lahore University of Management Sciences and supports the education expenses of a 6 year old boy, Fayyaz at SOS Village. As a Youth Minister for Culture Sports and Youth Affairs, she has tabled a bill on Youth Policy.



“I want to learn about the British Political System and specially about the British origin Pakistani youth, their problems, perceptions and issues; how culturally-different people co-exist in the British society, etc. I am intrigued by the phenomenon of Multi-culturalism in the UK.”



Bilal Nasir

YP44-Sindh07

Youth Shadow Minister for Information; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Information

Mr. Bilal Naseer was born on June 14, 1987 and hails from Karachi. He is a 3rd Year student of the Institute of Mass Communication at the University of Karachi and has the honour of securing first position in Associate Engineering in the Printing and Packaging technology in the entire Sindh province. He has worked for two years at the Elite Publishers Limited as Assistant Manager in Planning and Production division. He is an activist of consumer rights, has worked for the rehabilitation of earthquake in Kashmir and promotion of Urdu language and culture. He is a member of the Pakistan Debate Council, and a member of the Student Council of his university. He is also a member of the official magazine of his university called "Media Post" and radio station FM 90.6 in Karachi. He has attended several personality development and career building workshops including MUNIK (Model United Nation IBA Karachi Conference), I-MARC, IBLC, Active Citizen Workshop and Young Leaders conference. He holds the office of Youth Shadow Minister for Information and has actively participated in publicizing the Youth Parliament Pakistan in local media.

"I wish to observe and experience the system in UK in order to learn from it and bring back useful experiences to share at the Youth Parliament and elsewhere."



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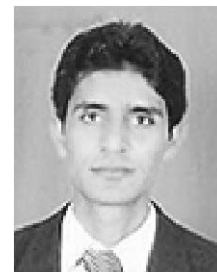
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Imtiaz Ali Khuro

YP46-Sindh09

Chief Whip Green Party; Member, Youth Parliament Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence

Mr. Imtiaz Ali Khuro was born on March 03, 1987 and hails from Khairpur Miras, Sindh. He did his B.A (Hons.) from the GC University Lahore with major in Political Science and History. He was Vice President of the Young Journalist Society, Finance Secretary in Quaid-e-Azam Political Science Society and Executive member of Historian Society of Government College University Lahore. His area of interest includes foreign affairs, the Central Asian politics and politics of terrorism. He studied a course on Politics of Central Asia and he developed 6-credit hour Thesis on U.S-Israel Special relationship in his graduation. He intends to continue higher education in International Relations.

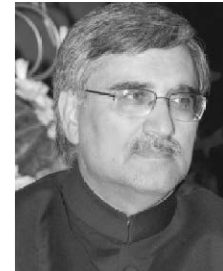


“Being a student of politics and comparative political system, I look forward to being a part of this study visit to help me understand the UK political system in comparison with that of Pakistan and elsewhere. I wish to learn about the role of UK Parliament in foreign policy as well as to interact with young British MPs and the youth groups of UK.”

PILDAT TEAM

Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob
Executive Director, PILDAT

The founder Executive Director of PILDAT, Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob has over 20 years' experience in senior management and advisory positions and over 5 years experience in design, planning and implementation of legislative strengthening projects involving national and provincial legislatures. His major area of work has been in the forefront of strengthening democracy and democratic institutions and providing thorough leadership on crucial issues that affect democracy and political growth in the country. Mr. Mehboob has carved and spearheaded a non partisan political research initiative from the platform of PILDAT and has facilitated the formation of dialogue and research groups on areas such as civil military relations and electoral reforms, etc. He is respected widely as a commentator on political and legislative issues.



Aasiya Riaz
Joint Director, PILDAT



Ms. Aasiya Riaz, Joint Director of PILDAT, coordinates various research projects within PILDAT and manages PILDAT's projects and activities as PILDAT's co-director. She has over 9 years' experience of working in the field of research, management and analysis. She has been working in the areas of democratic and legislative strengthening; research on political and public policy issues; civil-military relations; dialogues between the Muslim World and the West and Electoral Process, etc. Trained in the field of media and political communication at the London School of Economics, UK, Aasiya has worked with the mainstream press and electronic media in Pakistan as well. She was also a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy, USA where she worked on US Think Tanks and the subject of Civil-Military Relations. Ms. Aasiya also graduated from the Stanford University, USA Course on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law in August 2007. She regularly appears on national and international media for political analysis and commentaries.



Muhammad Umer Shami
Projects Officer, PILDAT

Mr. Umer Shami has been associated with PILDAT for a year. He holds a Bachelors degree (BEng) in Telecommunications. Mr. Shami has been involved in managing the Youth Parliament Pakistan 2009-2010. His leadership achievements previously include being the Head boy of both school and College, being the Sports President of the College and University and being the Head delegate of the university team to LUMS Model United Nation Conference in 2005. He has also worked as an anchorperson in the External Services and the Current Affairs Sections of Radio Pakistan for over three years. He is amateur musician and a vocalist in a local rock band with performances at national level. His travel experiences include United Kingdom, Turkey, Dubai, France and Saudi Arabia.



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