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1/ LIVE Online: Webinar with Imran Khan (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf)

When: Saturday, 11 June

Time: 12 noon (EST)

Details: Imran Khan will answer questions related to the most pressing/urgent issues facing the country today. To watch the webinar, please visit <http://insaf.pk/webinar.aspx> today and make a donation of \$100 via PayPal to receive a link to the webinar. For groups/organizations with a larger audience within New England, please contact Ayaz Hameed at [781-929-1676](tel:781-929-1676) or Ayaz.Hameed@pega.com

RESOURCES

1. New England Chapter Launch: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf / Movement for Justice (PTI)

Dear Friends: I am writing to solicit your help in establishing the New England Chapter of PTI USA LLC, an entity legally registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as an agent for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (or Pakistan Movement for Justice, hereinafter "PTI"). As most of you may know, PTI is headed by former Pakistani cricket captain and philanthropist, Imran Khan, who founded the party based on the underlying principles of "Justice, Humanity and Self Esteem." PTI's top priority is to implement the following in order to put Pakistan on the path of a genuine democracy and socio-economic prosperity: Independent Election Commission; Independent Judiciary; Independent Accountability Bureau; Education Reform. More Information on [PTI's ideology, manifesto and its constitution](#).

PTI USA - Just like the other PTI's other international organizations, the role of PTI USA LLC is to promote PTI's agenda in the international media, among think tank pressure groups and lobby groups. To that end, PTI USA establishes local chapters comprising paid members who are willing to help the party achieve its goals through monetary assistance and/or political activism. **New England Chapter**— As PTI's international membership has grown, the party has implemented its International Constitution which not only defines the responsibilities, role and tasks of PTI's international organizations (e.g., PTI USA LLC) but also provides the structural guidelines by which the international organizations should be organized. According to this Constitution, PTI

USA LLC sets up local chapters within each city, state or multi-state geographical area that has at least 30 paid members who contribute a minimum of \$10/month to PTI.

Once this minimum member threshold is met, a President, Vice President and a General Secretary are elected for a 2-year term by the local members in that chapter.

These officers not only help run the day-to-day operations of the local chapters but also help in providing a voice to the local members on PTI's International Executive Council.

Therefore, each member is given the opportunity to fully participate in the intra-party democratic process and to influence the PTI's agenda/on-going strategy. **Membership**

– To become a member of PTI International and possess voting rights, a person must register online as a member and subscribe to pay a minimum monthly fee of US \$10 at www.insaf.pk. These funds are critical in supporting PTI's on-going struggle in Pakistan against the corrupt and well-funded political establishment. I request that you share this information with your friends and family and use this opportunity to send in your questions to Imran Khan. [Imran Khan's message to overseas Pakistanis](#).

Questions: Ayaz Hameed, at [781-929-1676](tel:781-929-1676) or PTI.NewEngland@gmail.com.

2. Job Opportunity: Urdu, Pashto and Dari Translators needed by IRC

The International Committee of the Red Cross is seeking to recruit speakers of Pashto, **Farsi/Dari, Hindi/Urdu, Arabic, Khmer and Tamil** to work in its field operations.

Expatriate interpreters work mainly with teams inspecting the treatment and conditions of persons detained in relation to armed conflict. In this way, the ICRC seeks to ensure that prisoners of war and security detainees are treated in line with the provisions laid out in the Geneva Conventions. The role is both challenging and immensely rewarding, giving recruits the chance to use their language skills in assisting victims of armed conflict for the world's oldest humanitarian organisation. Successful applicants can expect a competitive salary and benefits. For reasons related to the ICRC's working procedures, in particular its principle of neutrality, the ICRC's expatriate staff cannot be nationals of the countries to which they are assigned, or have close family links there.

Selection requirements: Ideal age: 25 to 45; Prepared to accept an unaccompanied 12-month mission; Solid command of the required language and English. French an asset; University education or two years minimum work experience; Driving licence (for manual transmission vehicles); Fully conversant with IT tools. **Email CV** to Liz Harris at lharris@icrc.org, stating your age, nationality and the languages you speak. Please use ICRC INTERPRETER ENQUIRY as the subject. Further information: www.icrc.org

3. Featured Non-Profit: Design for Change (DFC), Pakistan

Website - <http://www.dfcworld.com/dfc2011/pakistan>

This is an initiative that puts children in charge of identifying problems in their communities (and the world), finding solutions for them, implementing the solutions and then sharing their stories of change with the rest of us. DFC is now in its second year and hopes to (continues to) spread the 'I Can' philosophy to school children in Pakistan.

Last year, thousands of children from 1500 schools across a broad spectrum and from every corner of Pakistan lent their imagination, efforts and voices to this initiative. [DFC Pakistan](#) is part of a global initiative that believes that children are capable of imagining and accomplishing wonderful things if they can believe in their capabilities and the power of collective action (that goes beyond money). DFC does this by blurring the boundaries between school and the outside world, allowing children to become aware of the world around them as a space they can actively participate in, enabling them to take ownership and create the opportunities for participation, thus becoming empowered to lead a change in their lives and the lives those around them. Globally, Design for Change touched 50,000 schools and engaged 250,000 children in 22 countries last year. In 2011, once again, children in schools across Pakistan and the world will be changing lives in a significant global movement for change.

To document the process and the outcomes, the DFC team 2010 put together [a short film](#) that details how the project came about, what it means for Pakistan, why it's a truly simple yet revolutionary idea. But most importantly, the film shows the potential in each and every child in Pakistan - their actions speaking louder than anyone's words really.

4. New Book: So Much Aid, So Little Development - Stories From Pakistan

Author: Samia Waheed Altaf

Price: \$25 [\(BUY HERE\)](#)

Details: Pakistan has received more than \$20 billion in external development assistance but has made little evident improvement in its social indicators. *So Much Aid, So Little Development* offers a fresh explanation for this outcome. The author, Samia Altaf, a physician and public health specialist, follows one major initiative, the Social Action Program developed by the Pakistani government in 1992 and funded by the World Bank to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars. In an engrossing account that reads almost like a novel, at times hilarious, at others heartbreaking, she tells the story of the program's shortcomings through a series of eyewitness vignettes. She begins with planning meetings in Islamabad, moves through layer after layer of the Pakistani bureaucracy down to the village health trainee, and then returns to Washington for the evaluation. At every stage, she finds skewed incentives, misplaced priorities, and inappropriate designs diverting the project from its original intentions and ambitions. In the process, Altaf introduces into the development conversation the human dimension that most frameworks have neglected to their detriment. Samia Altaf, a physician and public health specialist, was formerly the senior advisor to the Office of Health in the USAID Mission in Islamabad, Pakistan. She was the 2007 Pakistan Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

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