

SA/PAKISTAN: VISIT BY MINISTER GOHAR AYUB KHAN: NOTES FOR
MINISTER NZO'S SPEECH

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1. Your telex no ~~XXXXXXXX~~ dated ~~22/06/72~~ refers.
2. For your consideration herewith a few ideas for possible inclusion in Minister Nzo's short speech/toast.

It is a special honour and pleasure for me to welcome Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan and Begum Ayub Khan to South Africa. I am confident that you will experience the hospitality of South Africans to be as warm as that which I enjoyed when I visited your beautiful country in June last year. The only thing that you might find to be relatively cooler is the daily maximum temperature.

I also know that you will want to return again to further experience the beauty and diversity of our country, as I certainly hope to visit Pakistan again. I have learned, in confidence and from impeccable sources, that there are indeed a number of the world's highest mountain peaks in Pakistan, and I can assure you that my High Commissioner's success in preventing me from seeing these was only temporary.

It gives me particular satisfaction to take the opportunity this evening, on South African soil, to convey the heartfelt appreciation of my Government and the people of South Africa for the unstinting support the Islamic Republic of Pakistan gave, over many years, to the struggle to bring about a free and democratic South Africa. Our struggle was also yours, and our victory, which is one of the human spirit over adversity, of freedom over oppression, is also yours.

It is also my great privilege to extend our warmest congratulations to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the joyous occasion of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the independence of Pakistan.

Yours has been a tumultuous history, filled with daunting challenges. The manner in which the people of Pakistan rose to these command our respect. We look forward to working closely together with you in surmounting the many challenges our countries have in common as we enter the Twenty First Century.

There is ample reason to be satisfied about the remarkable progress made in fostering closer relations between our two countries in a short space of time. We do not, however, owe this only to the efforts of our respective diplomats. Unless, of course, the definition of diplomacy these days includes dressing up in outlandishly colourful outfits, swinging a shaped

piece of willow with abandon, attempting to do bodily harm to your adversary with a small red or white projectile and shouting "howzat" in the most disconcerting way.

Sport, and in particular that great game of cricket, has done much to tighten the bonds of friendship between our countries and to shrink the great physical distance that divide us. In fact, it has accorded South Africa a special place in Pakistan's history. The South African Team emerged as victors from the thrilling Golden Jubilee Celebrations Quadrangular Tournament held in October and November 1997 in Lahore. In this way, South Africa has become an indivisible part of these historic celebrations, and the Freedom Cup has been accorded a special place of pride.

As Your Excellency is aware, the Pakistan youngsters are currently giving a very good account of themselves in the Under-19 World Cup Tournament being held in South Africa, and we look forward to welcoming your national team in a few days for what promises to be an exciting and closely contested test series.

Excellency, your visit to South Africa is not only a symbol of the warmth and closeness of our relations, but is also a concrete expression of our common will to further expand and deepen bonds between South Africa and Pakistan. Together we shall endeavour to translate our ties of friendship into increased cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, social and scientific fields in order to achieve mutual and concrete benefits for our peoples.

I am confident that Your Excellency's visit will contribute immeasurably to accomplishing this heartfelt objective.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in a toast to the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Begum Gohar Ayub Khan, and South Africa-Pakistan friendship.

(Janubi Africa Pakistan dosti zindabad)
(Long live South Africa Pakistan friendship)

2. Notes on Pakistan's approach to the restructuring of the UN Security Council follows in a next telex.
3. The Mission trusts the above would be of assistance.

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