

# Pakistan: Perception & Reality

In the 60th year of Pakistan's Independence

## Speakers:

- Mr Inam ul Haq, Chairman, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs)
- Sadiq Khan MP
- Professor Ian Talbot, University of Southampton
- Dari Taylor MP
- Maria Sultan, Director, South Asian Strategic Stability Unit

**Chair:** Stephen Twigg

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2.45pm for a 3pm start. The event will finish by 5pm.  
Tea and coffee will be served.

## The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0AA  
(Access via Portcullis House reception, Bridge Street)

## About this event

This year, Pakistan is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its independence. In its national journey, Pakistan has braved a number of challenges on both internal and external fronts. The last seven years have been of particular importance. Pakistan has experienced an economic turnaround. It is also a frontline state in the ongoing fight against terrorism and extremism. President General Pervez Musharraf has also taken initiatives to have lasting peace with India. But there continue to be apprehensions about Pakistan. This seminar will explore the chasm between the perception and reality of Pakistan. Are perceptions about Pakistan correct? Are these out of touch with reality?

**Places are limited, please RSVP by 13 April:**  
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