

## PJA efforts for Pakistan flood relief praised

LONDON, Feb 05 (APP)- The British politician have lauded the efforts of the UK-based Pakistan Journalists Association towards the Pakistan flood relief as well as those of other charities currently engaged in rehabilitation works and providing succour to the victims of last summer natural disaster. Speaking at an event arranged at Southall, west London, Friday evening, to spotlight the visit of PJA delegation to the flood affected areas, British parliamentarian Virendra Sharma and Julian Bell, Leader of the Ealing Council, praised the work of the Association to raise the funds and distribute it among the affected people.

MP Sharma said the entire British community irrespective of its ethnic background donated liberally towards the Pakistan floods both in cash and in kind which has gone long a way long towards the rehabilitation of the distressed people and reconstruction of the destroyed infrastructure.

He said the diverse community of Southall has always come to the humanitarian assistance of the suffering people whether it was the 2004 Asian Tsunami, 2005 Pakistan earthquake, last year's Haiti earthquake and the unprecedented summer floods in Pakistan.

A top official of a leading British mobile company which sponsored the event, said the organisation has always been in the fore front of humanitarian work around the globe.

Cashmir Nigel said Lycamobile which provide cheap international calls to various destinations around the world is dedicated to supporting Pakistani community which has brought colourful heritage to the UK.

He disclosed that since the company was established in 2006, some 40 million international calls have been made to Pakistan by the overseas Pakistanis from around the globe.

The members of PJA delegations including vice-president Tahir Chaudhry, secretary-general Wajahat Ali Khan and member executive council Razia Sultana spoke of their experience to the flood affected areas and praised Pakistan Army for its support in enabling the delegation to visit various affected areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab.

During the week long visit which took place in October last year, the PJA delegation also met Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

On this occasion, the guests were entertained to live performance by up-and-coming singer Raja Kaasheff and his jazz band. Later this month, Kaasheff will be performing alongside 100-man western classical music orchestra to raise funds for Pakistani floods.