



First Lady of Sri Lanka Shiranthi Rajapaksa and the High Commissioner of Pakistan Mrs Seema Illahi Baloch inaugurating Pakistan Week Colombo.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Seema Illahi Baloch with Pakistani children.



Seema Illahi Baloch addressing the gathering.

■ Pakistan Week

Colours of a Culture



Seema Illahi Baloch presenting a souvenir to the First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa at Pakistan Week, Colombo.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Seema Illahi Baloch at the Qawwali show.

Pakistan Week in Colombo "Colours of a Culture" was formally inaugurated by the first Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa on the evening of February 20 at the Galadari Hotel. The High Commissioner of Pakistan Mrs. Seema Illahi Baloch, Managing Director of Pakistan International Airline Capt. Nadeem Khan Yousufzai and several high profile personalities attended the inaugural ceremony.

This week long festive celebration brings together the culmination of various aspects of the vibrant culture of Pakistan. The festival is featuring Mystical Sufi Music performance culinary tastes of Pakistani food, trade stalls, fashion show and ghazal singing performance and much more to enthrall the Sri Lankan audience.

As the launching event of the Pakistan Week, the Pakistan High Commission arranged an evening of Mystical Sufi Qawwali Music performance by the legendary Qawwali duo Ghulam Fareed Ayaz and Abu Muhammad, at the Galadari hotel in Colombo. The chief guest at the event was First Lady of Sri Lanka Shiranthi Rajapaksa. The High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka, Mrs Seema Illahi Baloch, Managing Director Pakistan International Airlines Nadeem Yousafzai, several senior Sri Lankan government Ministers, ambassadors and high profile personalities from all walks of life attended the event.



The Chief Editor of Daily News Jayatilika de Silva and with his wife Sunila.



First Lady and the High Commissioner of Pakistan inspecting Pakistani handmade dresses.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Seema Illahi Baloch, Shahid Nadeem and Cpt. Nadeem Yousafzai with the Qawwali duo.



First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Seema Illahi Baloch inspecting Pakistani handmade carpets at the Pakistan Week Colombo.



Seema Illahi Baloch, Shahid Nadeem and Cpt. Nadeem Yousafzai at Pakistan Week Colombo.



The High Commissioner and officers of the Pakistan High Commission with the Legendary Qawwals.



Senior Minister Fowzie and Hussain Bahila along with other guests.



Heads of diplomatic missions and Secretary Mass Media at the Qawwali performance.



Ghulam Fareed and Abu Muhammad performing at the Show.