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The Department of External Affairs today issued the following information concerning the programme for the visit to Canada of the Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, who are at present visiting the United States, will arrive in Ottawa from Boston on Tuesday, May 30, and will spend the following two days in the capital. They will leave on the morning of Friday, June 2, for Niagara Falls, Ontario, with brief visits to Kingston and Toronto en route; and, after spending the night and the morning of Saturday, June 3, at Niagara Falls, will proceed to Buffalo Airport that afternoon and thence, in a Canadian aircraft, to New York City.

The Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will be accompanied on their tour by:

Mr. M. Ikramullah,
Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

Mr. O. Ahmad,
Officer on Special Duty in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Professor A. S. Bokhari.

Mr. A. A. Hamid,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Majid Malik,
Principal Information Officer.

Captain Babar,
Aide-de-Camp to the Prime Minister.

Abdul Ghani,
Valet.

On his arrival at Rockcliffe Airport at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, the Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan will be welcomed by the Prime Minister of Canada. The sons of the High Commissioner for Pakistan will garland the Prime Minister and present flowers to the Begum. A guard of honour will give a General Salute and an artillery salute of nineteen guns will be fired. The High Commissioner for Pakistan, the Secretary to the Governor General, the members of the Canadian Cabinet, the Mayor of Ottawa, and their wives, will then be presented.

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The Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Begum and the members of their party will stay at Government House as guests of Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis.

At 12 noon on Tuesday, the Prime Minister of Pakistan will arrive at the East Block to call on the Prime Minister of Canada. At 12.30 p.m., he will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial where Mr. Claxton, Minister of National Defence, and Mr. Gregg, Minister of Veterans Affairs, will meet him on arrival.

Following an informal luncheon at Government House, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will hold a press conference at 4 p.m. in the drawing room of the Chateau Laurier Hotel. A dinner will be given in their honour by Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Viscountess Alexander at Rideau Hall on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday morning, May 31, the Prime Minister of Pakistan will meet Mr. St. Laurent and members of the Cabinet to discuss matters of mutual interest. At 12.15 p.m., he will visit the Office of the High Commissioner for Pakistan.

Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, in company with Mrs. C. D. Howe and Madame Lionel Chevrier, will meanwhile visit the Institut Jeanne d'Arc, 489 Sussex Street, where they will be received by the Reverend Mother St. Thomas Aquinas at 10 a.m. and will attend the closing exercises for the children of the kindergarten and first grade at the Institute. The Begum, with Madame Chevrier, will then proceed to Radio Station C.B.O. to record a broadcast.

A luncheon will be given by the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs. Mohammed Ali at their residence, 190 Coltrin Road, at one o'clock on Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan will address the members of both Houses of Parliament in the House of Commons Chamber. Arriving at the Parliament Buildings at 2.45 p.m., the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will be welcomed at the main entrance under the Peace Tower by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament. At 3.00 p.m. in the Commons Chamber, the Prime Minister of Canada will introduce the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Following his address, the Speaker of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Commons will thank the Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan.

There will be a reception by the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs. Mohammed Ali at their residence on Wednesday afternoon and a dinner by the Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs. St. Laurent at the Country Club in the evening.

On Thursday, June 1, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will leave Government House and will be the guests of the High Commissioner and Mrs. Mohammed Ali at their residence for the remainder of their stay. The President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Robert A. Bryce, with Mr. G. Cockshutt and Mr. D. L. Morell will call on Liaquat Ali Khan at 11.00 a.m. During the morning, the Begum, accompanied by Mrs. C. D. Howe and Mrs. Milton Gregg, will visit the Rideau Health and Occupational Centre of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Day Nursery at 195 George Street. Mr. W. B. Mcgloughlin, the District Administrator, will receive the Begum at the Health Centre. Mrs. Wainright Cleary will explain the work of the Day Nursery.

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The Prime Minister of Pakistan will address the Canadian Club of Ottawa at luncheon on Thursday. Mrs. Mohammed Ali will give a luncheon for ladies in honour of the Begum at her residence. During the afternoon, the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club will give a reception in honour of the Begum in the drawing room of the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will be received by the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, P.C., O.M., at Laurier House at 6.00 p.m.

The Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan and the Begum will give a dinner at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Thursday evening.

On Friday morning, June 2, the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan will leave for Kingston by air. They will be accompanied by Mr. Hugues Lapointe, Solicitor General of Canada, by Mr. Mohammed Ali, High Commissioner for Pakistan, and by the Chief of Protocol.

A Guard of Honour will give a General Salute to the Prime Minister on his arrival at the Kingston Airport at 11.30 a.m. The Prime Minister and the Begum will be welcomed by Dr. Cyril James, Principal of McGill University and Chairman of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, and by Lt.-General G. G. Simonds, Commandant of the National Defence College, and Mrs. Simonds. The Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan will address members of the Conference.

General and Mrs. Simonds will conduct the Prime Minister and the Begum to the National Defence College and the Canadian Army Staff College at Fort Frontenac and thence to General Simonds' house, where they will be guests at luncheon. The party will leave Kingston by air at 2.30 p.m. for Toronto.

Arriving at Malton Airport at 3.15 p.m. on Friday, the Prime Minister and his party will drive to the International Trade Fair where an official welcome will be extended by representatives of the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and of the City of Toronto. They will visit the Pakistan exhibit at the Fair and will be entertained at tea in the Trade Fair Advisory Committee Room. The party will leave by automobile at 5.30 p.m. and will motor to Niagara Falls, where they will stay at the General Brock Hotel.

Saturday morning will be spent in sight-seeing. The Prime Minister and the Begum will leave Niagara Falls at 4.00 p.m. by automobile for Buffalo Airport, where Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Mohammed Ali and the Chief of Protocol will say goodbye to them. They will fly from Buffalo to New York in a Canadian aircraft.

Prior to the departure of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for his forthcoming visit to Canada, a message was sent to him by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson. In this message, Mr. Pearson stated that the Prime Minister and other members of the Canadian Government were looking forward with great pleasure to the visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who could be assured of a warm and friendly welcome in Canada. In reply, Mr. Pearson received the following message from the Prime Minister of Pakistan:

"I am most grateful to you for your warm words of welcome. My wife and I are greatly looking forward to our Canadian trip and to meeting the Canadian men and women whom even at this distance we had many opportunities to admire and whose unfailing goodwill we have learnt to count upon."