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UK Has Unique Stake in Pakistan's Long-term Future Stability: Drew

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Islamabad: Thomas Drew, British High Commissioner, has said that United Kingdom has a very direct and unique stake in Pakistan's long-term future stability, security and prosperity.

Mr Drew was speaking at the Ambassador Lecture on 'Post-Brexit foreign policy: future of Pakistan-UK Relations' organised by Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) here Tuesday.

Mr Drew said that the two countries face shared challenges and opportunities which is the bedrock of Pakistan-UK relations. He said that UK's relationship with Pakistan is not a discretionary one as both countries' mutual interests are intimately tied to each other's success.

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Discussing Britain's exit from the European Union, the High Commissioner pined that the UK is reshaping its place in the world as the decision has far-reaching consequences for our relationship with the continent. He reaffirmed that while we are changing our political relationship with the EU, we are not leaving Europe and our friends on the Continent. Furthermore, our commitment to international security would not change, he added.

Outlining a positive vision for the future of its relationship with Pakistan, the envoy stressed that the UK is focused on "helping Pakistan to unleash its potential" which will benefit both Pakistan in its own right as well as be the best guarantor of the UK's defensive interests. He said that particularly in the post-Brexit world, the UK and Pakistan can benefit from each other's economic success.

He concluded by saying that in not too distant future, trade and investment will form the central plank of Pakistan-UK relationship which will be the best guarantee of the future stability and prosperity of both countries, particularly in the post-Brexit world.

Earlier, IPRI's President Abdul Basit in his welcome address said that Pak-UK relations have moved from strength-to-strength.

<<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/364046-uk-has-unique-stake-in-pakistan-s-long-term-future-stability-drew>>

UK Offers New Govt Technical Assistance on FATF

By APP
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To a question on any plans of the UK for repatriation of the accused Pakistanis in money laundering including former finance minister Ishaq Dar and sons of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the British High Commissioner said though he couldn't comment on the individual cases, but said: "We will consider any request by the Pakistan government on merit."

"The UK will remain tied-up with its policies regarding Pakistan's long-term stability and security even after its withdrawal from the club of European Union," he said.

The high commissioner said it was in the interest of Pakistan, India and the world to resolve all its outstanding issues including the Jammu and Kashmir. He said China Pakistan Economic Corridor has an immense economic potential, not only for Pakistan but for the entire region. Thomas Drew pointed that the international media's coverage about Pakistan's is not always fair.

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UK ready to help Pakistan FATF grey list

By Naveed Miraj

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A file photo of British High Commissioner Thomas Drew. PHOTO: FILE

ISLAMABAD: The British High Commissioner to Pakistan Thomas Drew has said the United Kingdom is ready to help Pakistan come out of the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an international body that seeks to curb terror financing.

“In my first meeting with the new government, I offered technical help to make sure it does not stay too long in grey list,” Drew said in a lecture on ‘Pakistan-UK relations in view of post Brexit foreign policy’ held at the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) on Tuesday

“Pakistan has done very well during the last five months on the issue of FATF. We are investing to help Pakistan to meet criteria of FATF,” he added.

Taskforce brainstorms plan to stem terror financing

The envoy said the UK would also consider any request of the Pakistani government for repatriation of former finance minister Ishaq Dar, and Hassan and Hussain – sons of former premier Nawaz Sharif, who is currently serving a jail term after failing to provide sources for acquiring family's London properties.

“In case of any request we would simply follow court ruling, nothing for me, nothing for the government. We would consider request on merit,” Drew said in a reply to question.

The UK high commissioner said the UK's relationship with Pakistan is focused to unleash its potential in diverse areas including economic growth, education, and water preservation.

Talking about the Pakistan-UK ties in post Brexit world, Drew said the UK shares a vision of a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan with major focus on collaboration in economy and education.

Pakistan reviews draft action plan against terror financing

“Our interests will continue to remain tied-up with Pakistan's long-term stability and security. It is in the interest of Pakistan, India and the world to resolve all its outstanding issues including Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

Drew said the UK's diplomatic mission in Pakistan is the second largest in the world. “More than two per cent population of the UK relates to Pakistan in terms of origin and is significantly contributing to social and economic fabric of the UK,” he added.

Drew agreed to the fact that international media's coverage about Pakistan's is not always fair. “CPEC [China-Pakistan Economic Corridor] has an immense economic potential not only for Pakistan but for the region,” the British HC added.

<<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1795447/1-uk-ready-help-pakistan-fatf-grey-list/>>



British high commissioner hints at extradition of Hassan, Hussain Nawaz

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–Barrister Zafarullah Khan says British government may take any decision on Pakistan’s request regardless of a bilateral extradition treaty

ISLAMABAD: British High Commissioner Thomas Drew on Tuesday dropped a hint on extradition of proclaimed offenders of the Sharif family to Pakistan, saying that the British government would consider any request of Pakistani government made in this regard.

Speaking at his lecture on “Pak-UK Relations in view of Post-Brexit Foreign Policy” here at the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), the British high commissioner was asked about the strategy of the British government for repatriation of the accused Pakistanis in money laundering cases, including former finance minister Ishaq Dar, Hassan and Hussain Nawaz.

“I can’t comment on individual cases, however, we will consider any request made by the Pakistan government on merit,” said the ambassador.

Drew also said the United Kingdom (UK) had offered Pakistan’s new government its technical assistance to address the issue of money-laundering to get itself out of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey-list.

The British high commissioner said Pakistan had done very well in the past five months on the issue of FATF by taking remedial steps to check money laundering.

When contacted, advisor on law to outgoing prime minister Nawaz Sharif, Barrister Zafarullah Khan confirmed that though Pakistan and UK had not signed a bilateral extradition treaty for repatriation of any accused, the British government might take any decision on Pakistan’s request in this regard.

When asked if Britain was bound to repatriate accused involved in money laundering under the recently signed treaty of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) between the two countries, Zafarullah said that OECD convention was only about the sharing of information regarding stolen assets and assets developed through money laundering.

“The PML-N government had taken steps for recovery of stolen assets. We had signed two conventions for this purpose and those involved the OECD with the UK and a bilateral agreement for the sharing of information and recovery of stolen wealth and assets. Both were about sharing of information of assets but not repatriation of the accused,” he said.

The PML-N leader also said that even though there was no extradition treaty signed between Britain and Pakistan, the country could bring back any accused from the UK.

He said that there always are exceptions as the PML-N government had made several efforts to bring back Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader Altaf Hussain, who is wanted for his alleged involvement in Dr Imran Farooq murder case, but Britain did not entertain the repeated requests.

“So it’s now up to UK authorities to repatriate accused Pakistan wants to bring back from London,” he concluded.

It merits mention here that British media has already reported that Prime Minister Imran Khan is set to approach Britain to request the seizure of luxury London flats belonging to his predecessor as Pakistan’s prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, and seek the extradition of his two sons to stand trial for corruption.

The cricket legend has vowed to repatriate billions of pounds in Pakistani assets laundered in the UK, starting with those of Nawaz Sharif.

Fawad Chaudhry, Khan’s information minister, confirmed that a formal approach would soon be made to the British government seeking the arrest of Nawaz’s two sons, Hassan and Hussain, as “absconding criminals”, and the seizure of assets in Britain which the Sharifs allegedly bought through ‘laundered money.

<<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/09/04/british-high-commissioner-hints-at-extradition-of-hassan-hussain-nawaz/>>

UK offers technical assistance to Pakistan on FATF grey list issue

Mateen Haider
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ISLAMABAD: British High Commission Thomas Drew here on Tuesday said that UK government has offered the PTI government technical assistance to address the issue and meet the criteria to come out of the grey list.

Thomas Drew revealed this while delivering a lecture on ‘Pak-UK relations in view of post Brexit foreign policy’ at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI).

He appreciated Pakistan saying it has done very well in last five months on the issue of FATF. “In post Brexit world the UK shares a vision of a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan with major focus on collaboration in economy and education,” he added.

He assured that Britain's interests will continue to remain tied-up with Pakistan's long-term stability and security.

Replying a question, the British top diplomat admitted that the coverage of the international media about Pakistan is not always fair and this needs to be balanced.

Drew said that the UK's commitment to world security will not change and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will remain the cornerstone of its foreign policy

Answering a question about the repatriation of the accused involved in money laundering he said he could not comment on particular individuals.

On Pakistan-India relations and Kashmir dispute, the British high commissioner said to resolve all the issues including the dispute of Jammu and Kashmir will be in interest of the both countries.

<<https://dailytimes.com.pk/292709/uk-offers-technical-assistance-to-pakistan-on-fatf-grey-list-issue/>>

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<<http://www.dnaneews.com.pk/british-hc-thomas-drew-delivers-lecture-post-brexit-foreign-policy-future-pak-uk-relations/>>

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Britain makes a new offer to Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD – Britain has offered technical assistance to Pakistan over the issue of the Financial Action Task Force greylist.

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British High Commissioner Thomas Drew has appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan after its name was placed on Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey-list.

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UK offers assistance to Pakistan for tackling FATF grey-list issue

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Pakistan's name was placed on the list despite the efforts made by the country to curb the illegal channels of transactions.

The highly anticipated decision was taken by the FATF Plenary that met in Paris from June 24 to 29, 2018. The global body took the decision on the basis of a monitoring report of the International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG).

Meanwhile, the newly-elected government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has vowed that Pakistan would finally be out of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey-list as September 2019 was the deadline for compliance with the body.

Answering a calling attention notice in the Senate, Finance Minister Asad Umar affirmed that the negotiated action plan with the FATF would be implemented.

The recently appointed finance minister elaborated that 27 deficiencies in five broad categories had been identified in Pakistan's anti-money laundering and terror financing regime, adding that the basic sectors identified were currency smuggling, hawala and financing to outlawed organisations.

The minister expressed that there was nothing we [Pakistan] could not comply with, saying FATF or no FATF, it was in our own national interest.

The lawmaker apprised the House that a national executive committee had been formed to deal with the issue which included representatives from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and other relevant institutions.

The first review meeting would be held in Jakarta on Sept 11 and 12, explained the minister.

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Technical Assistance on Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Offered To Pakistan's New Government: UK High Commissioner

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Speaking at his lecture on "Pak-UK relations in view of post-Brexit foreign policy" here at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), the British High Commissioner said Pakistan had done very well in the last five months on the issue of FATF by taking remedial steps to check money laundering.

To a question on any plan of the UK for repatriation of the accused Pakistanis in money laundering including former finance minister Ishaq Dar and sons of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, the British High Commissioner said though he couldn't comment on individual cases, however said "we will consider any request by the Pakistan government on merit".

High Commissioner Thomas Drew said in the post Brexit world, the United Kingdom would continue to strengthen its vision of a peaceful and prosperous Pakistan with major focus on collaboration in economy and education.

"The UK has a very direct and unique stake in Pakistan's future stability, security and prosperity. Together, we face some shared challenges and opportunities," he said.

"The UK will remain tied-up with its policies regarding Pakistan's long-term stability and security even after its withdrawal from the club of European Union," he said.

The British High Commissioner said the UK's commitment to world security would not change following the Brexit and NATO would remain the cornerstone of its foreign policy.

He termed Britain's relationship with Pakistan as "non-discretionary" which, he said, focused on helping the country unleash its potential in diverse areas including economic growth, education and water preservation.

The High Commissioner said it was in the interest of Pakistan, India and the world to resolve all its outstanding issues including the Jammu and Kashmir.

He said China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had an immense economic potential, not only for Pakistan but for the region.

He mentioned that the UK's diplomatic mission in Pakistan was the second largest in the world and also the DFID's (Department for International Development) was largest bilateral programme in the world with almost half a billion Dollars.

He said more than two percent population of UK related to Pakistan in terms of origin and was significantly contributing to social and economic fabric of UK.

He said the energy, resilience and motivation of Pakistani people was encouraging and remarkable. Thomas Drew pointed that international media's coverage about Pakistan's was not always fair.

Former ambassador Abdul Basit, President IPRI highlighted the significance of Pak-UK relations as global partners at important fronts.

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UK has unique stake in Pakistan's future stability: Thomas Drew

ISLAMABAD, September 4: Thomas Drew, British High Commissioner to Pakistan has delivered a lecture on "Post-Brexit Foreign Policy: Future of Pak-UK Relations" at IPRI.

The United Kingdom has a very direct and unique stake in Pakistan's long-term future stability, security and prosperity. Both countries face shared challenges and opportunities which is the bedrock of Pakistan-UK relations.

UK's relationship with Pakistan is not a discretionary one. Both countries' mutual interests are intimately tied to each other's success.

More than 2 per cent of the UK's population now traces its roots

programme in the world and stands at half a billion dollars.

"In fact, the UK spends more on development aid in Pakistan than any other country or organisation", he said. The High Commissioner shared that what happens in Pakistan has a real world impact upon the UK - in a way that is true of few other countries.

"The UK has a very direct and unique stake in Pakistan's future stability, security and prosperity. Together, we face some shared challenges and opportunities. That is the bedrock of the Pakistan-UK relationship."

Discussing Britain's exit from the European Union, the High Commissioner stressed that The

Many people forget that Pakistan is the 6th most populous country in the world and growing fast. If Punjab were a country, it would be the world's 11th largest.

We don't always think of Karachi, the world's 6th largest city, as in the same economic league as Shanghai, Mumbai or Sao Paulo. But we should. I predict that we will. Pakistan-UK ties are uniquely placed to work alongside each other, and to benefit from its success.

The British High Commissioner concluded by stressing the importance of a shared vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous Pakistan becoming once again the vibrant hub of trade and com-



British HC, Thomas Drew delivering a lecture on 'Post-Brexit Foreign Policy: Future of Pak-UK Relations' at IPRI on Tuesday. - DNA

back to Pakistan. British Pakistanis have a significant contribution to the social, economic, academic, cultural, and political fabric of the country, with 12 members in the House of Commons of Pakistani origin.

This was stated by H.E. Mr Thomas Drew, British High Commissioner to Pakistan at the Ambassador Lecture on 'Post-Brexit Foreign Policy: Future of Pakistan-UK Relations' convened under Ambassador Lecture Series by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute, here in Islamabad today.

Speaking to a packed audience of diplomats, bureaucrats, students and journalists, the High Commissioner stated that the UK's diplomatic mission to Pakistan is the second biggest in the world; and its development programme in Pakistan, through DFID, is the largest such bilateral

UK is reshaping its place in the world. Clearly, the decision to leave the EU has far-reaching consequences for our relationship with the continent."

He reaffirmed that 'while we are changing our political relationship with the EU, we are not leaving Europe, and our friends on the Continent. Furthermore, our commitment to international security has not changed, nor will it.'

Outlining a positive vision for the future of its relationship with Pakistan, the British High Commissioner outlined that the UK is focused on 'helping Pakistan to unleash its potential' which will benefit both Pakistan in its own right as well as be the best guarantor of the UK's defensive interests.

"Most importantly, particularly in the post-Brexit world, the UK and Pakistan can benefit from each other's economic success.

merce that its geography and size demand.

The British High Commissioner hoped that in the not too distant future, trade and investment will form the central plank of Pakistan-UK relationship.

The UK is Pakistan's biggest trading partner in Europe and third biggest investor globally.

This will be the best guarantee of the future stability and prosperity of both countries, particularly in the post-Brexit world."

Earlier, IPRI's President Ambassador (R) Abdul Basit in his welcome address said that interstate relations are not linear.

There are always ups and downs. Relations which are inherently robust and resilient are able to absorb these shocks and relations; those which are not, unfortunately, remain transactional. PR

ایف اے ٹی ایف پر پاکستان کو تکنیکی مدد کی پیشکش کی ہے، برطانوی ہائی کمشنر

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اسلام آباد: برطانوی ہائی کمشنر تھامس ڈریو نے کہا ہے کہ ایف اے ٹی ایف پر پاکستان کو تکنیکی مدد کی پیشکش کی ہے، پاکستان گریس لسٹ سے نکلنے کی برطانوی تکنیک سے فائدہ اٹھا سکتا ہے۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق برطانوی ہائی کمشنر تھامس ڈریو نے ایف اے ٹی ایف پر پاکستان کو تکنیکی مدد کی پیشکش کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان گریس لسٹ سے نکلنے کی برطانوی تکنیک سے استفادہ کر سکتا ہے۔

تھامس ڈریو نے اسحاق ڈار اور حسن حسین نواز کے معاملے پر پوچھے گئے سوال پر کہا کہ کسی فرد واحد کے کیس پر بات نہیں کرنا چاہتا، ملوث افراد واپس لانے کی درخواست پر میرٹ پر فیصلہ ہوگا۔

برطانوی ہائی کمشنر نے کہا کہ بریگزٹ کے بعد عالمی امن کے لیے برطانوی ترجیحات تبدیل نہیں ہوں گی، بریگزٹ کے بعد بھی نیٹو میں برطانیہ بھرپور انداز میں شامل رہے گا۔

تھامس ڈریو نے کہا کہ مسئلہ کشمیر کا حل ہونا پاکستان اور بھارت دونوں کے مفاد میں ہے، پاکستان میں ہمارا ڈپلومیٹک مشن دنیا میں دوسرا بڑا مشن ہے، پاکستانی عوام میں توانائی، عزم اور حوصلہ بہت زیادہ ہے۔

برطانوی ہائی کمشنر کے مطابق پاکستان سے متعلق عالمی میڈیا کی رپورٹنگ درست نہیں ہے، سی پیک صرف پاکستان نہیں بلکہ پورے ریجن کے مفاد میں ہے، برطانیہ میں دو فیصد عوام کا آہائی تعلق پاکستان سے ہے، بریگزٹ کے بعد پاکستان سے معاشی اور تعلیمی تعاون بڑھانا چاہتے ہیں۔

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برطانیہ نے سابق وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار، حسن اور حسین نواز کی پاکستان واپسی کے حوالے سے تعاون کا عندیہ دیدیا۔ برطانوی ہائی کمشنر تھامس ڈریو کہتے ہیں درخواست آئی تو میرٹ کے مطابق غور کریں گے، پاکستان کو گرے لسٹ سے نکالنے کیلئے تعاون کی بھی پیشکش کر دی۔

برطانوی ہائی کمشنر تھامس ڈریو نے پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ اسلام آباد میں ”بعد از بریگزٹ خارجہ پالیسی کے تناظر میں پاک۔برطانیہ تعلقات“ پر لیکچر میں کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان نے منی لانڈرنگ کی روک تھام کیلئے تدارکی اقدامات اٹھا کر ایف اے ٹی ایف کے معاملہ پر گذشتہ 5 ماہ میں بہت اچھا کام کیا ہے، نئی پاکستانی حکومت کو ایف اے ٹی ایف کے مسئلہ کے حل اور گرے لسٹ سے نکلنے کیلئے تکنیکی معاونت فراہم کرنے کو تیار ہیں، بعد از بریگزٹ دنیا میں برطانیہ معیشت اور تعلیم میں اشتراک کار پر توجہ مرکوز کرتے ہوئے ایک پُر امن اور خوشحال پاکستان کے اپنے وژن کو تقویت دیتا رہے گا۔

انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان کے بارے میں بین الاقوامی ذرائع ابلاغ کی کوریج ہمیشہ مناسب نہیں ہوتی، پاکستان کے استحکام، سیکیورٹی اور خوشحالی میں برطانیہ کا بہت زیادہ براہ راست اور منفرد مفاد ہے، ہمیں بعض مشترکہ مواقع اور چیلنجز کا سامنا ہے۔

سابق وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار اور سابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف کے بیٹوں سمیت منی لانڈرنگ میں ملوث پاکستانی ملزمان کی واپسی کیلئے برطانیہ کے کسی ادارے سے رابطے سے متعلق سوال کے جواب میں برطانوی ہائی کمشنر بولے کہ اگرچہ وہ انفرادی کیسز پر تبصرہ نہیں کر سکتے تاہم ہم میرٹ پر پاکستان حکومت کی کسی درخواست پر غور کریں گے۔

تھامس ڈریو کہتے ہیں کہ پاکستان، بھارت اور دنیا کے مفاد میں ہے کہ جموں و کشمیر سمیت اپنے تمام تصفیہ طلب مسائل حل کریں، پاک۔چین اقتصادی راہداری نا صرف پاکستان بلکہ خطہ کیلئے بھی بہت زیادہ اقتصادی مواقع کی حامل ہے۔

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برطانوی مائی کمشنر کی پاکستان کو گرے لسٹ سے نکالنے میں معاونت کی پیشکش

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برطانیہ، FATF مسئلہ حل کرنے کیلئے تکنیکی معاونت کی پیشکش



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اسلام آباد (ایجنسیاں) پاکستان میں برطانوی ہائی کمشنر تھامس ڈریو نے پاکستان کی نئی حکومت کو فنانشل ایکشن ٹاسک فورس (ایف اے ٹی ایف) کے مسئلہ کے حل اور گرے لسٹ سے نکلنے کیلئے مطلوبہ معیار پر پورا اترنے کیلئے تکنیکی معاونت کی پیشکش کی ہے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات منگل کو اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں ”بعد از بریگزٹ خارجہ پالیسی کے تناظر میں پاک۔ برطانیہ تعلقات“ کے بارے میں اپنے لیکچر میں کہی۔ سابق وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار اور سابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف کے بیٹو حسن اور حسین نواز سمیت منی لانڈرنگ میں ملوث پاکستانی ملزمان کی واپسی کیلئے برطانیہ کے کسی ارادہ سے متعلق سوال کے جواب میں تھامس ڈریو نے کہا کہ اگرچہ وہ انفرادی کیسز پر تبصرہ نہیں کر سکتے تاہم ہم میرٹ پر پاکستان حکومت کی کسی درخواست پر غور کریں گے۔ تھامس ڈریو نے کہا ہے کہ ایف اے ٹی ایف کے معاملے پر پاکستان نے گزشتہ پانچ ماہ میں بہترین اقدامات اٹھائے، پاکستان سے متعلق عالمی میڈیا کی کوریج درست نہیں ہے۔ بریگزٹ کے بعد پاک برطانیہ تعلقات کے مستقبل کے موضوع پر تقریب کا انعقاد اسلام آباد میں ہوا۔

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