

## Press Release

### Federal Minister Ali Pervaiz and US Charge d'Affaires Natalie A. Baker Discuss Enhanced US-Pakistan Cooperation in Oil, Gas, and Minerals

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Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik, held a meeting with Her Excellency Ms. Natalie A. Baker, the US Charge d'Affaires to Pakistan, at the Ministry of Petroleum.

The high-level discussion focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between the United States and Pakistan in the energy sector, with particular emphasis on oil, gas, and minerals sector.

Charge d’Affaires Natalie A. Baker highlighted the significant opportunities for American investment in Pakistan’s energy landscape. “There is a strong and growing interest from US companies in Pakistan's Oil, Gas, and Minerals sector, in line with the vision of President Trump,” she stated. “The United States is committed to work with Pakistan. The US Embassy will actively facilitate direct linkages between American companies and their Pakistani counterparts in the Exploration & Production (E&P) sector to unlock this potential.”

Federal Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik welcomed the keen interest from US investors and detailed the upcoming opportunities. “The Government of Pakistan is undertaking bidding round for both offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration blocks, which presents a tremendous opportunity for international partners,” the Minister said. “Pakistan possesses huge untapped potential esp shale oil & gas, and converting these indigenous resources into tangible reserves is a target of our government”. We are already engaged in a positive information exchange with US companies.

Both officials commended the success of the recent “Direct Line” webinar, an initiative organized to connect US companies with opportunities in Pakistan’s mineral sector, citing it as a model for future engagement in Oil & Gas sector also.

Charge d’Affaires Baker reinforced that the US-Pakistan had the counter terrorism dialogue, now we would like to drive this partnership forward in the economic realm.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to deepen the energy partnership, leveraging US technology and investment to support mutual economic and energy growth.

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