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## G M Syed Anniversary Celebrated in London

The 102nd anniversary of Saen G. M. Syed's birth was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the World Sindhi Congress (WSC) in the UK. Scores of Sindhis and Baluchs came from throughout the UK, Sindh, India and Europe to attend the event, which commenced with the Sindhi national anthem.

Dr. Lakhu Luhana thanked the participants on behalf of WSC and moderated the session. He explained that WSC organises this event every year to express gratitude for Syed's life, work, struggles and sacrifices he made for the emancipation of the Sindhi nation.

A number of speakers shed light on Syed's great contributions. Mr. Qadir Jatoy of WSI said that Syed's great contribution is that he established the identity of the Sindhi nation in a very difficult time. He explained that Syed did not only work for the political emancipation of Sindh but also for the social, cultural and educational development of Sindhis.

In his speech, Mr. Shezado Wadyo, Secretary General, Sindhi Sangat UK, said that Syed's love for mother Sindh will keep him alive until the day Sindh and Sindhis exist without oppression; the important question, however, is how we might work to bring the sorrows of our motherland to an end.

Dr. Naseer Dashti, a Baluch intellectual, discussed the influence that Syed's books on nationalism, philosophy and politics have had on him. He stated that people of all oppressed nations can derive inspiration from Syed.

Mr. Isar Kalyani told the sentimental story of his two encounters with Saen G. M. Syed in India. He spoke of Syed's sorrow at the fact that his Sindhi brothers and sisters were forced to leave Sindh and of Syed's promise to continue the fight for Sindhi freedom until the end of his life. Kalyani remarked that Syed did remain true to his promise: until his last breath, he struggled for the emancipation of the Sindhi nation.

Mr. Mehran Baluch, chairman of the Baluchistan Rights Movement and son of legendary Baluch leader Saen Khair Bux Marri, said that Saen G. M. Syed is not only the leader of Sindhi nation; many Baluch political activists draw their inspiration from his work, as well. He remarked that Syed was not only a leader, but also a guiding star whose influence reaches beyond boundaries. He also spoke about the current situation in Baluchistan, where the Pakistani military establishment is inhumanely bombing the civilian Baluch population, hoping to terrorise Baluchs into surrendering to the absolute yoke of slavery. He assured the audience that the Baluchs will never allow this to happen, regardless how many sacrifices they have to make.

Dr. Hidayat Bhutto, Vice Chairman of WSC, spoke of Syed's enormous intellectual contributions to Sindh's case against oppression. Syed's message engraved in the minds of all Sindhis that Sindh is a country, Sindhis are a nation, and that freedom is their right and is attainable. Bhutto stated that the need to derive inspiration from Syed's work is greater than ever in light of current sufferings and sorrows in Sindh.

After the speeches, a cake-cutting ceremony was held. The cake was cut Dr. Rubina Shaikh, accompanied by Mr. Mehran Baluch, Ms. Suraiya Makhdoom, Dr. Naseer Dashti, Mr. Isar Kalyani, Dr. Hidayat Bhutto, Ms. Ambreen Hisbani, Abdul Jabar Qureshi, President Sindhi Sangat UK, Mr. Gul Sanai, Ali Memon, Shezado Wadyo and Lakhu Luhana.

This was followed by a musical session in which Faqir Mohammad Lashri, Saeen Bux Patoojo, Jameel Sanjarani and group of Harban Sing Suraj performed beautiful Sindhi music on tunes while all the participants danced, concluding with the traditional Hojamalo. This session was moderated by Mrs. Hafezan Wadyo. At the end of the event, a sumptuous meal was served to the guests.

**The World Sindhi Congress (WSC)** is one of the most prominent human rights advocacy organizations for Sindh and Sindhis. The main objective of WSC is to create a better understanding among the international community about the persecuted status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about the Sindhi people's struggles for their human rights, including the right to self-determination. WSC is a registered company in England and Wales, and California, USA, organized to carry out non-profit activities only. For more information, visit <http://www.worldsindhicongress.org>.