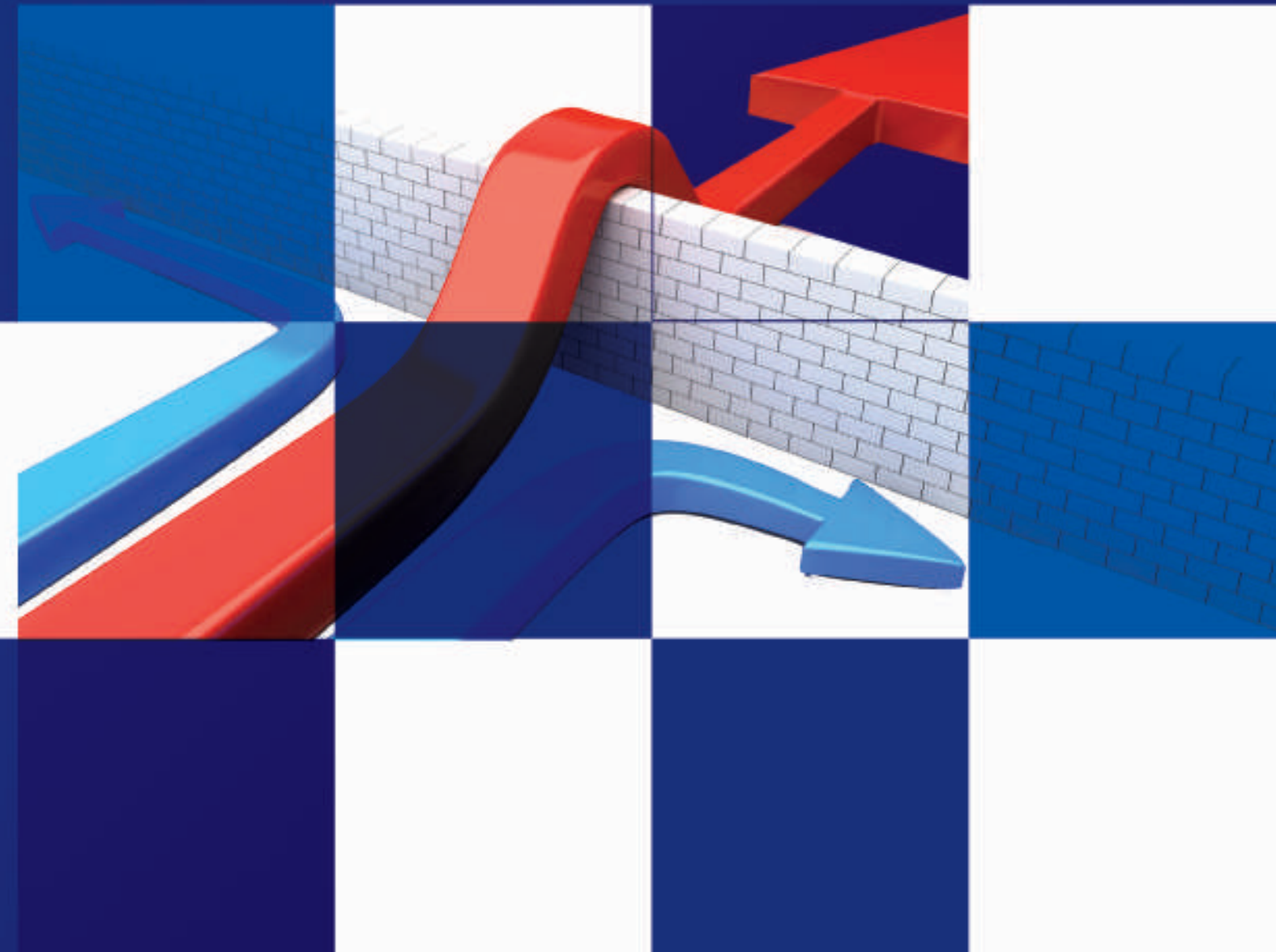


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Words from the President

Dear Colleagues,

The election fever is over, and what excitement did it generate! Suddenly, there are great expectations with a new government taking over, soon. Stock markets are already reflecting the positive business sentiments, and I am sure many of us are eagerly assessing the implications of a reputedly business friendly party arriving at the helm of affairs.

The timing seems excellent, too, if one considers how the global economic conditions and the regional geopolitics are shaping up. One hopes that Pakistan will soon be on the path of change toward a vibrant society and an emerging economic powerhouse. I wish you all great success in the coming times and pray that we are able to make the most of the winds of change.

Best Wishes,

Salim Ghauri

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13TH GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The 13th General Body meeting of ABF was held on March 5, 2013 at Fairways, Royal Palm Golf & Country Club Lahore. Majority of members attended the meeting. The matters related to the upcoming elections of ABF, Audit report, Activity Calendar of ABF and formation of different committees were discussed in the meeting.





ONE POINT AGENDA MEETING:

The One point agenda meeting was held on March 27, 2013 at ABF's Head Office, Netsol Technologies Pakistan. The matters related to 3rd Annual Dinner 2013 were discussed in the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

The membership committee meeting was held at Expeditors International office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Afzar Mahmood Chairman Membership Committee on March 28, 2013. The new membership applications were discussed in the meeting.



ABF MEMBERS VISITED SILVER-STAR INDUSTRIES SIALKOT:



ABF members were invited at the lunch by Mr. Belal Iqbal of Silver Star Enterprises and associate member of American Business Forum. The US Ambassador Mr. Richard G. Olson along with US Consul General Nina Fite and other senior officials from Economic/Commercial section Islamabad was there for a brief factory tour.





3RD ANNUAL DINNER 2013:

The 3rd Annual dinner of the American Business Forum was held on 3rd April 2013 at Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore. The President, Mr. Salim Ghauri along with Executive Committee invited Honourable Mr. Richard G. Olson (US Ambassador) as Chief Guests. Other VIPS included Honourable Consuls from different embassies, Ms. Nina M. Fite (U.S Consul General) along with U.S Consulate Officials, USAID Officials. Amongst others were guests from the media and government. The Souvenirs were presented to U.S Ambassador and U.S Consul General.







31ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The 31st Executive committee meeting was held on April 19, 2013 at Hardee's restaurant which was hosted by Mr. Sohail Yousaf Chairman Consumer Goods & Services ABF. Mr. Zahid Bashir chaired the meeting. Other excom members included Mrs. Ayesha Hamid, Mr. Sohail Yousaf and Mr. Ammir M. Mirza. The matters related to the meeting with U.S Pakistan Business Council were discussed in the meeting.



MEETING WITH U.S.-PBC OFFICIALS:

The meeting with the U.S Pakistan Business Council officials was held on April 26, 2013 at Royal Palm Golf & Country Club Lahore. The President ABF Mr. Salim Ghauri, Mr. Vaseem Anvar, Mr. Zahid Bashir, Mrs. Ayesha M. Hamid, Mr. Ammir M. Mirza, Mr. Younus Kamran, Mr. Imran Anjad and Mr. Mahmood Ahmad attended the meeting. The U.S-PBC officials included Mr. Miles Young Chairman, Ms. Esperanza Gomez Jelalian and Mr. Taher A. Khan. Following U.S Consulate and Embassy officials accompany the team of U.S-PBC, Mr. Aftab Qureshi, Mr. Hassan Raza, Mr. Shahid Abbas and Mr. Matan Mayer. Bilateral discussed between U.S and Pakistan was discussed in the meeting.





MEETING WITH U.S ECONOMIC OFFICER:

ABF's EXCOM members met with Ms. Doreen P. Bailey Economic Officer U.S Consulate Lahore on May 16, 2013. Current Political situations were discussed in the meeting.



32ND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The 32nd Executive Committee meeting of ABF was held on May 29, 2013 at ABF's Head office, Netsol technologies Pakistan. The President Mr. Salim Ghauri, Mr. Ibrahim Qureshi, Mr. Zahid Bashir, Mrs. Ayesha M. Hamid, Mr. Naeem Shafique, Mr. Aamir M. Mirza and Mr. Younus Kamran attended the meeting. Matters related to ABF's activity calendar 2013, ABF's Committees and upcoming ABF's Elections were discussed in the meeting.



Current Political Conditions

by President ABF *Mr. Salim Ghauri*



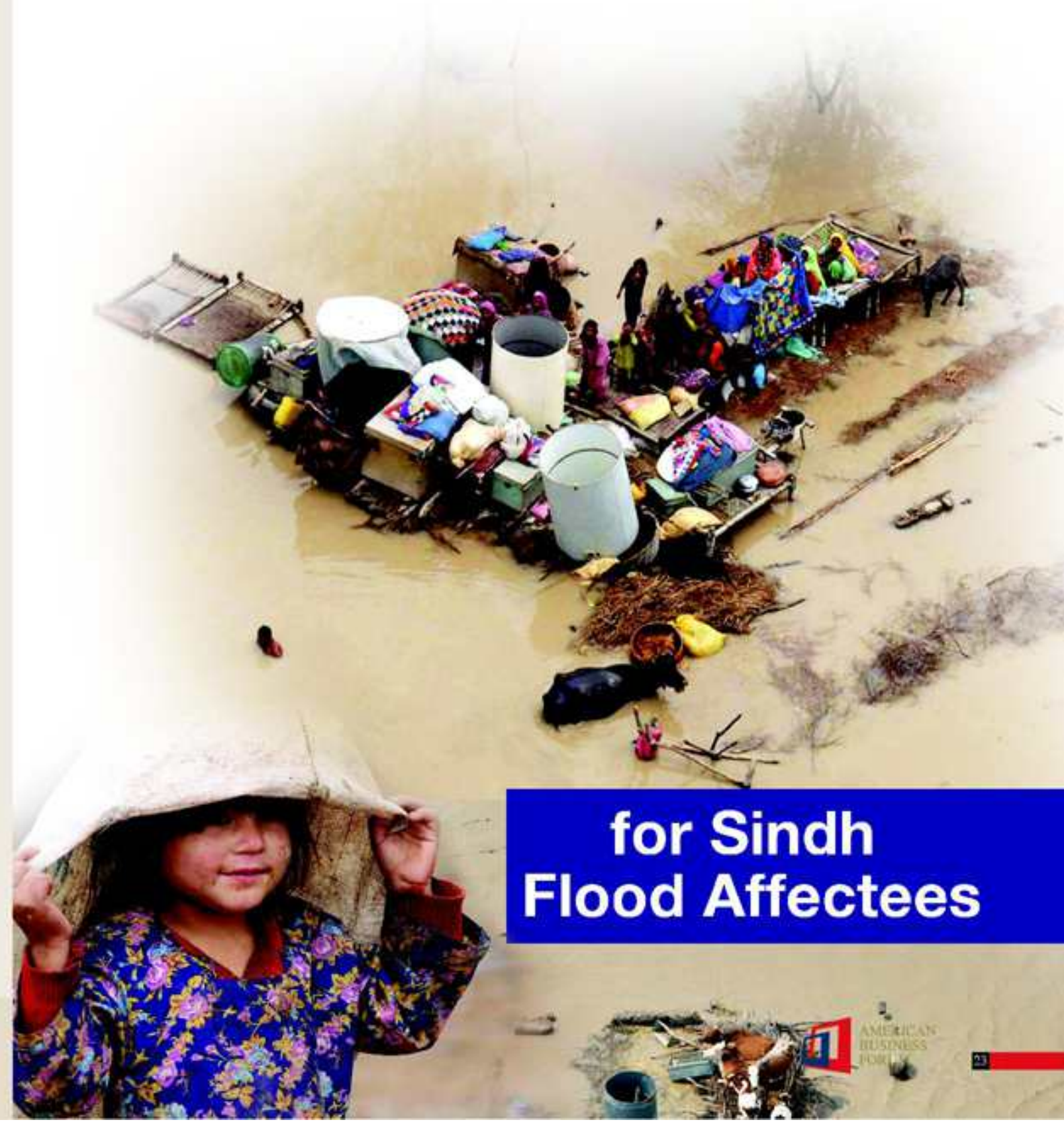
The good news is that the country once again, albeit after a long break, has a government that is known to be pro-business'. With its business friendly policies and vision, it has already helped create a positive business sentiment in the country. I see a renewed vigour in our business planning, as the government continues to pursue its ambitious investments in energy, infrastructure and security.

The Prime Minister's recent visit to China was a strategic one, both from economic and foreign policy perspectives. Energy and investment topped the agenda, several MOU's were signed. We can expect to see serious Chinese investment in areas of national strategic importance, including energy and infrastructure, over the next few years. This should provide a significant uplift to the business and economic environment.

It is certainly not without challenges, not the least of which is the tough tax measures and budgetary constraints that accompany such rebuilding. However, businesses are used to challenges. In fact, they thrive on challenges, as long as there are real opportunities for growth.

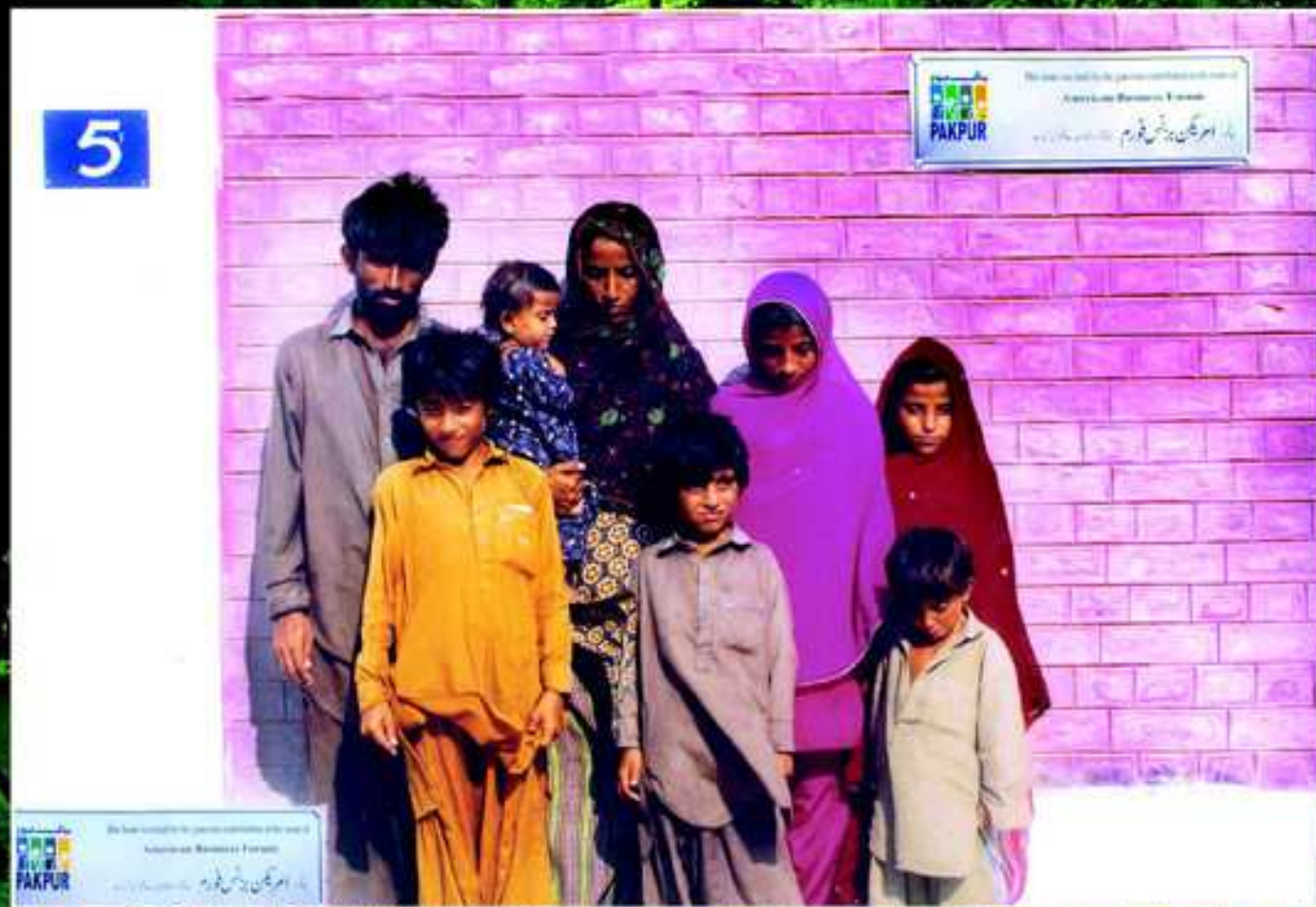
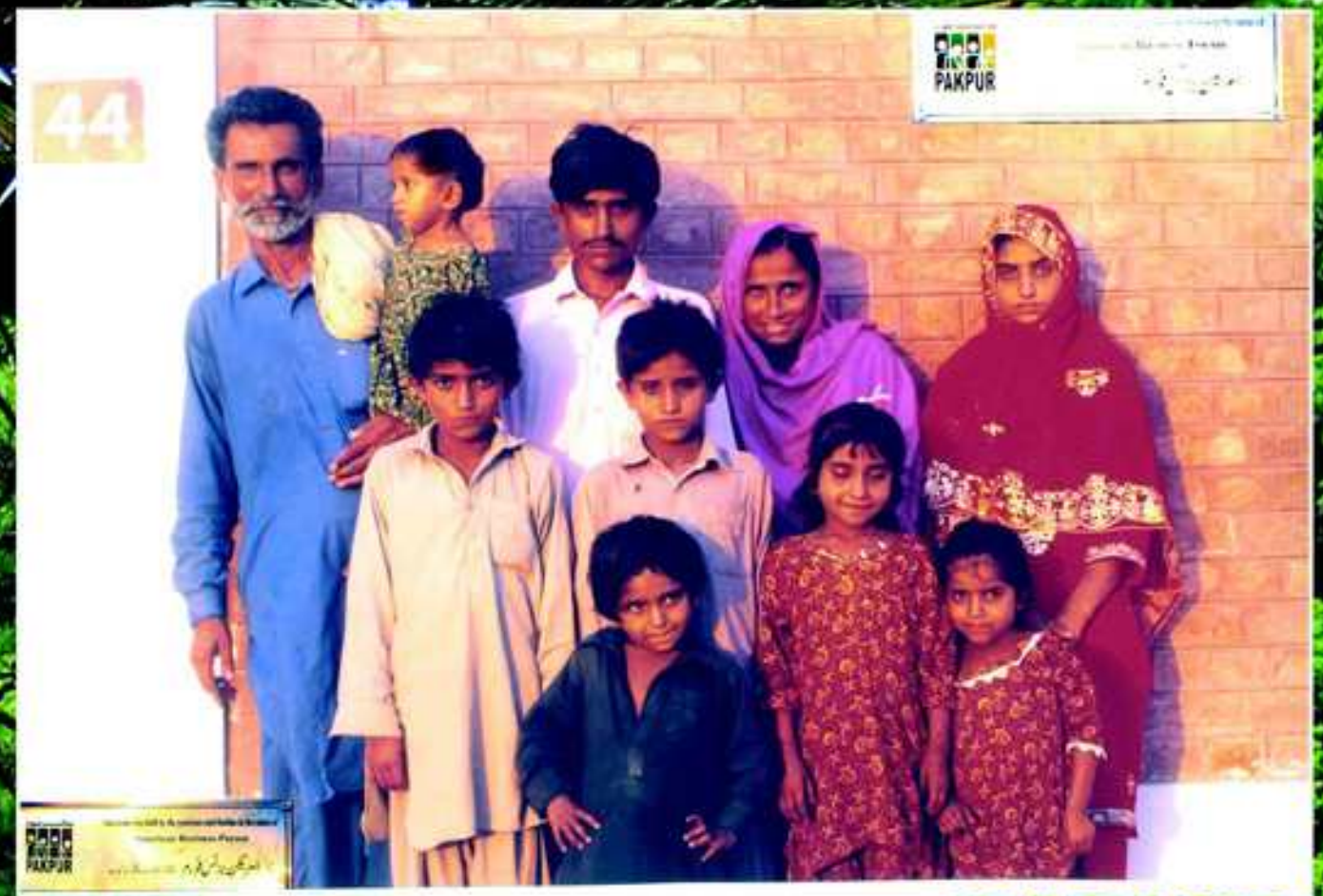
I wish you all the very best in the vigorous execution of your reinforced business plans. May the coming days help us achieve the success we desire in a land of vast opportunities.

ABF donated 3 Pakpur Homes



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SOCIAL DINNER:

Social Dinner for ABF members was hosted by Mrs. Ayesha M. Hamid Honorary Sectary General.



SOCIAL DINNER:

Another Social Dinner for ABF members was hosted by Mrs. Ayesha M. Hamid Honorary Sectary General.

