

New UK-Pakistan partnership will bolster Pakistan's Geological Survey

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A new UK programme will strengthen Pakistan's ability to generate credible geological data and unlock growth in the mining and minerals sector across the country. The initiative is delivered through the UK funded REMIT programme, in partnership with International Geoscience Services (IGS), a UK based geoscience consultancy with extensive experience supporting geological survey organisations worldwide. Running from April to July 2026, the programme focuses on strengthening the Geological Survey of Pakistan's (GSP) technical capability through hands on training aligned to international standards.

The programme will support GSP through training in digital geological surveying, geochemical sampling, airborne geophysics and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). It establishes a complete end to end digital survey process, from fieldwork and laboratory analysis through to GIS interpretation and final geological mapping.

British High Commissioner, Jane Marriott CMG OBE, said:

"Pakistan has extraordinary geological potential, but realising it depends on trustworthy data collated through modern methods. Through this partnership, the UK is supporting Pakistan to build the skills, systems and credibility needed to attract responsible investment and unlock long term economic potential across the country."

Federal Minister for Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik, said:

"I thank the British High Commission for their support. At a time of global uncertainty, strengthening the Geological Survey of Pakistan is vital to reducing reliance on hydrocarbons and attracting mineral investment."

This partnership will help equip GSP with the tools and skills needed to independently design and deliver future national surveys to investor facing global standards. Sustainable investment and growth are underpinned by strong institutions and inclusion from local communities.

The launch event took place at the Geoscience Advanced Research Laboratories in Islamabad and was attended by senior representatives from the Government of Pakistan, including the Federal Minister for Energy, Ali Pervaiz Malik, Director General of the Geological Survey of Pakistan, Adnan Alam Awan, and other senior officials.

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Notes to editors:

Pakistan's mining and minerals sector spans approximately 600,000 square kilometres and hosts deposits of more than 90 known minerals, including copper, gold, coal, chromite, salt and a range of industrial minerals.

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