

Muhammad Azam Khan Swati

Federal Minister for Science and Technology from Pakistan



lectures at a Lund University seminar on

The Role of Overseas Pakistani Students in Nation Building

Saturday 22 May 2010, 13.00–17.00

at Hörsalen, Kårhuset, LTH, John Ericssons väg 3, Lund

- The seminar will be introduced by Dr. Anna Lindberg, Director of SASNET
- Second speaker: Mr. Muhammad Athar Javed, Expert on South Asian Affairs, Copenhagen, Denmark
- After the Minister's lecture, time will be provided for an interactive debate/question-answer session.
- Concluding remarks by Mr. Ahmad Usman, Masters student in Asian Studies at Lund University.
- Refreshments along with Pakistani food will be served. This is provided by members of the local Pakistani community.

Organised by Pakistani students of Asian Studies at Lund University, and Mr. Muhammad Athar Javed, South Asia expert, Copenhagen, Denmark with support from Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET)



BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI

Since January 2009, Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati is the Federal Minister for Science and Technology in Pakistan. He was born and raised in a small village in the mountain range of Himalyas in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), and grew up in a politically active family. He belongs to the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl party, a coalition partner of the present Pakistan People's Party-led federal government.

Academic qualifications:

- B.A from Post Graduate College Abbottabad, NWFP (Pakistan)
- M.A (Economics) University of Peshawar (Pakistan)
- LL.B (Bachelor of Law) Gold Medalist, University of Karachi (Pakistan)
- M.A Political Science from University of Karachi (Pakistan)
- LL.M University of Houston Law Center (Houston, Texas-USA)
- Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) South Texas College of Law (Houston, Texas-USA)
Texas State Bar Certified Attorney at Law.

For many years, Muhammad Azam Khan Swati lived in the USA. In 1997, he established the Pak-Oil Company and acquired jobber-ship for Exxon, Chevron, Mobil, Shell and Diamond Shamrok. Besides fuel distribution & whole sale business he has handsome investments in real estate in the Beaumont-Golden Triangle areas as well as in the bordering State of Louisiana.

During his stay in United States he keenly studied the American institutions and functioning of their democratic system. He felt the urge to help his country of origin by transferring the experience he had acquired in his adopted homeland America.

His desire to serve Pakistan led him back to Pakistan and he started participating in active politics. He participated in first local government elections under the rule of General Musharaf and got elected with landslide victory as "District Nazim" of NWFP's largest district – Mansehra. After serving one and a half years he resigned from that position in order to run for senate and he got elected to Pakistan Senate with highest votes in February 2003.

Besides being the Federal Minister for Science and Technology, he is also a member of the Standing Committee on Commerce, the Finance Committee, the Standing Committee on Information Technology, the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, the Senate Standing Committee on Health, the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Resources, and the Senate Library Committee.

As a minister he has played a pivotal role in establishing the Hazara University in District Mansehra. It is the only institution of higher learning in the area with special emphasis on universal values.