

Haroon Khawaja

Born Dec 31, 1967, Haroon Khawaja completed his initial education from St. Anthony's High School and Government College Lahore. He then left for East London University (NELP 1986) for higher studies.

He is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

In 1992 Haroon Khawaja returned to Pakistan and joined his family business with a primary focus towards hospitality. Over the years, Haroon has been able to transform the corporation into a multinational hotel development and operations entity that has been repeatedly lauded by the leading international hotel brands for its performance and quality.

He started his foray into politics in 1996, when he successfully coordinated a political campaign from a key local constituency of Lahore. Thereafter, he joined (in honorary capacity) the office of the Prime Minister in 1997 and for the next three years he utilized this opportunity to understand the workings of the Federal Government while conducting meticulous research on issues being faced by Pakistan through a team of top professionals in the country.

Haroon's experience gained more versatility when he was appointed at a key position in office of the Chief Minister of the largest province of Pakistan (Punjab) in 2008. He used this time to understand the nuances of provincial governance and to validate his previous research by implementing "out of the box" solutions. He resigned from this post on Dec 31, 2011.

Haroon's unique experience of holding key positions at the highest public offices in the Federal and Provincial governments has placed him as one of the very few individuals who, not only have a deep understanding of the issues that the country faces today but also, command knowledge of practical solutions to these issues.

He is also the founder Chairman of The Pakpur Foundation, a not-for-profit organization formed by like-minded individuals who aspired to deliver sustainable philanthropic solutions to the neglected segments of society.

As Chairman of Pakistan Freedom Movement, Haroon has accepted the daunting challenge of resuming Quaid-e-Azam's Tehreek-e-Azadi with the aim to resume the struggle to translate our 1947 Independence into real Freedom for the common citizens of Pakistan. With this herculean task at hand, Haroon draws his inspiration from a firm belief in God as well as a sense of moral obligation to all of his fellow citizens.

