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"A changing world order" by Iqbal Riza



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In this age of globalization, among the benefits expected there was a greater familiarity between diverse cultures, thus promoting pacific coexistence between their peoples. Today's reality defies this popular expectation, and the future is unpredictable.

This talk attempts to chart the course of historical currents leading to this apparent anomaly. It seeks to delineate why different societies have developed mutually antagonistic perceptions rooted in traditions, religion and values, igniting fierce conflicts which evoke fear and seem unresolvable.

It does not venture to present a panacea for peace – that is a task for sages and statesmen.

La Sua presenza è particolarmente gradita

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Iqbal Riza

- Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed Mr. S. Iqbal Riza as Under Secretary-General and Chef-de-Cabinet in January 1997. Mr. Riza held this position till January 2005, when he was designated as Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, a position in which he continues with Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.
- Mr. Riza previously had served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Bosnia-Herzegovina during 1996. Prior to this assignment, he was Assistant Secretary-General in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, from 1993 to 1995.
- Previous field assignments were as Special Representative of the Secretary-General in El Salvador (1991-93), and Chief of the United Nations Observer Mission in Nicaragua (1989-90). At UN Headquarters, as Director in the Office for Special Political Affairs (1982-88), he was a senior member of the team for the political negotiations related to the Iran-Iraq war, and also head of the special team which undertook several missions to the front (1983-87) to investigate the use of chemical weapons in that conflict.
- At UN Headquarters other assignments were as Director of the Division for Political and General Assembly Affairs (1988-89), Principal Officer in the Department of Public Information (1980-82) and Secretary of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (1978-80).
- Prior to joining the United Nations, he served with Pakistan's Foreign Service from 1958 to 1977, holding various diplomatic assignments as Deputy Chief of Mission in both Paris (1977) and Washington (1971-76), and posts in London (1966-68), Khartoum (1964-66), Bonn (1962-1964), and Madrid (1959-61). He also served as Director of the Foreign Service Academy in Lahore (1968-71), and in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1958-59).
- Mr. Riza holds master's degrees in Political Science from the University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, and in International Law from the Fletcher School of International Law, Boston, USA.