

# British Airways resumed operations in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD June 03, 2019:** British Airways resumed its flight operations to Pakistan after a long gap. First flight of British Airways (BA- 261) arrived at Islamabad International Airport (IIAP) TODAY on 3rd June, 2019 (Monday) at 9:25 A.M from Heathrow (London) where 240 passengers arrived by the Boeing 787 Dreamliner with Pakistani and British flags in their hands.

In line with the spirit of this joyous occasion, Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Minister for Aviation, Mr. Abdur Razak Dawood, Advisor to Prime Minister on Commerce, Textile, Industry and Production, Mr. Zulfiqar Hussain Bukhari, Special Assistant on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development along with Mr. Shahrukh Nusrat, Secretary Aviation/DGCAA, senior officials of Aviation Division, and the British High Commission welcomed the passengers at Islamabad International Airport

The same aircraft, as flight BA- 260, departed for Heathrow at 11:10 A.M with passengers on board from Islamabad.

As per the flight programme during the summer season, the British Airways will fly thrice a week between London Heathrow and Islamabad.

Considering presence of large Pakistani diaspora in the United Kingdom, the BA flights will provide a convenient connection between the two countries. Apart from the diaspora, the flight link will promote cultural values, tourism and business opportunities between the United Kingdom and Pakistan.

As a new hub for air travel, Islamabad International Airport will provide easy and convenient access to all parts of Pakistan. Several other major air operators have shown keen interest in initiating operations to Islamabad. It is expected that with the growth of number of passenger's and cargo traffic, the initiatives will provide impetus to the growth of the aviation sector in line with the National Aviation Policy, 2019.

