

# Provincial Peace Conference

Theme: “Peace for Development”

A provincial Peace conference with the theme of “Peace for Development” was organized by HAC Alliance for Socio-Religious harmony Pakistan here on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at Renewal Center Youhanabad Lahore in which 300 people from Kasur, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sheikhpura and Gujranwala participated. Naila J. Dial was Chief Guest of this program whereas, Malik M. Javed Akber Saqi (General Secretary) of Interfaith harmony & peace Committee Govt. of Punjab presided over the program. Pervaiz Mohabbat Program Manager in his opening speech said, “This conference at provincial level aims to build harmony among all sects, prevailing religions and the civil society to build a harmonized Pakistan because we believe that Development without Peace is impossible”. Maula Iqbal Khan Qadri, Maula Hussain Ahemd Awan (safer-e-Aman), Rana Shafiq Qamar (member Aman Committee), Fr. Aftab James Paul, George Paul, Alhaj M. Yousaf and others also spoke regarding need of peace in the country in the current context and highlighted that we as Pakistani first and active citizens have to play our role to set new standards for civilized life and support the law of the land to build harmonized and peaceful society.

Abid Shakeel District Coordinator in his views said, “Peace being a road to development must be our priority at collective and larger level because unless and until we do not focus on peace building we cannot train our future generations towards civilized society. In order to meet the international life standards we also have to make extra ordinary efforts for peace and harmony among our society”.

Naila J. Dial (Chairperson CPM) and the chief guest of this conference in her speech said, “The government is already focusing and making extra ordinary efforts to promote interfaith harmony and peace through various interventions, we as citizens of Pakistan need to take an active part in this movement because peace is the need of every individual and the whole society at large. Peace cannot exist until we practice peace in our daily living. Peace is not the destination but a process or a road to development and we hope by practicing peace we will be able to establish a sustainable, peaceful society and the country”.

