

US envoy Blome calls on President Zardari

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In a significant diplomatic engagement, United States Ambassador Donald Blome held a crucial meeting with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday, marking a concerted effort to address key issues vital to the bilateral relationship between the two nations. The discussion encompassed a wide array of topics, including US support for ongoing economic reforms, human rights, and regional security. Acting US Mission Spokesperson Thomas Montgomery underscored the significance of the meeting in a statement, emphasising the shared interests and numerous opportunities for collaboration between the United States and Pakistan. Montgomery highlighted the importance of high-level dialogues and the US-Pakistan Green Alliance framework as avenues for advancing mutual objectives and strengthening the bilateral partnership. During the meeting, Ambassador Blome extended heartfelt condolences for the loss of Pakistani soldiers in the recent

terrorist attack in Waziristan. He reassured President Zardari of the unwavering support of the United States in Pakistan's fight against terrorism, reaffirming the commitment to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Pakistan in combating this shared threat.

The discussions underscored the mutual commitment of both nations to addressing pressing issues affecting the region, including the imperative of promoting economic reforms and upholding human rights standards. The United States reiterated its support for Pakistan's efforts to foster socio-economic development and enhance governance structures, recognising the importance of sustained progress in these areas for the well-being of the Pakistani people. Earlier in the day, Ambassador Blome engaged in a crucial meeting with Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, emphasising US support for economic reforms in Pakistan. Acting US Mission Spokesperson Thomas Montgomery in a statement highlighted the comprehensive nature of the dialogue, stating that both diplomats addressed key areas including regional security, trade and investment relations, and the enduring significance of the US-Pakistan Green Alliance framework.