

Today in Kadriorg, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves received Shaheen A. Gilani, Ambassador of Pakistan, who presented his credentials.

According to the President of the Republic, the relations between Estonia and Pakistan are at a formative stage, and consultations have been initiated at the highest levels of the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs. This is a good start for the intensification of mutual contacts, said President Ilves.

“Regional stability and the struggle against terrorism affects us all,” said the Head of State, recalling that over 100 members of the Estonian Defence Forces are serving in the NATO-led forces in the southern region of Pakistan’s neighbor, Afghanistan, where Estonia has also sent its diplomat.

In his conversation with the Pakistani Ambassador, President Ilves expressed interest in the opportunities for the general stabilization of the region, in the problems on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, the refugee camps, and the alleged cross-border movement of extremist Taliban fighters.

The Pakistani Ambassador said that he considers his main objective to strengthen relations between Estonia and Pakistan, especially in economic and commercial fields, which today are the key to the promotion of other relations. The Ambassador also presented Pakistan’s position regarding the problems and developments in Afghanistan.

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