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**Former Britain Premier and UN Special Envoy on Global Education Gordon Brown Appreciates BISP's major initiative on Education;**

**BISP, the flagship Programme of the democratic government is soon launching "Waseela-e-Taleem" (Right to Education) in accordance with the UN's Millennium Development Goals: Madame Farzana Raja**

**Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP held meeting with Former Britain Premier Gordon Brown**

NEW YORK: Federal Minister and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Madame Farzana Raja during her visit to United States held meeting with former Britain Premier and United Nations' Special Envoy on Global Education Gordon Brown and discussed matters related to mutual cooperation on various social sector endeavors especially education. The meeting was a follow up to the Former Britain Premier's meeting with President Asif Ali Zardari.



**New York: Former Britain Prime Minister and United Nations' Special Envoy on Global Education Mr. Gordon Brown meeting Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP, Madame Farzana Raja about special initiative on Education (Oct 02, 2012)**

Mr. Gordon Brown while appreciating the performance of BISP as a comprehensive social protection programme briefed Madame Farzana Raja about the objectives of UN initiative "Education First" that aims at helping the countries promote education in the context of Accelerated Millennium Development

Goals (AMDGs). He said that BISP's Programme on educating children of BISP beneficiary families could prove phenomenal in promotion of education in Pakistan.

Talking to former Britain Premier, Chairperson BISP recounted various steps taken by the Government especially through BISP for uplifting the socio-economic well-being of the poor in Pakistan. She said that BISP, the flagship Programme of the democratic government was also focusing on the education sector and about to launch "Waseela-e-Taleem" Program under its umbrella for the promotion of primary education in Pakistan. Chairperson BISP said that BISP has launched this initiative in a bid to provide basic education to every child according to UN's MDGs. She said that more than 3 million non-school going children of beneficiary families registered with BISP will be sent to schools. She said that under this program BISP will be providing cash transfers while families will agree to send and retain their children in primary schools.

Madame Farzana Raja further said that the British Government's assistance for the promotion of primary education would go a long way in addressing the challenges of extremism and militancy and creating a conducive environment to facilitate education in Pakistan. She appreciated the contribution of Department for International Development in the education sector especially for undertaking various educational projects in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh

Gordon Brown told Federal Minister that as UN Special Envoy for Global Education, he would continue his efforts assisting the Pakistan Government in promotion of education among the masses especially in the far-flung areas of the country.