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United Nations in Pakistan mourns the passengers of flight PK-661

ISLAMABAD, 8th December 2016: The United Nations Country Team in Pakistan expresses its condolences to all those who lost family and friends in the crash of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight PK-661 travelling from Chitral to Islamabad.

“We offer our sincerest condolences to the bereaved families of the plane crash victims. Members of our UN family lost loved ones too. Among them was the Deputy Commissioner of Chitral, Osama Ahmed Warraich, who played a key role in helping UN agencies to assist the people of Chitral in recovering from the disastrous floods and earthquake in 2015, in supporting polio eradication as well as promoting and preserving Chitral’s unique culture. Earlier as ADC in Peshawar, he played an important role in enabling our wide range of work from there. His professionalism, empathy and friendship will always be remembered; and his loss, and that of his wife and infant daughter are deeply felt,” said Mr. Neil Buhne, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations Pakistan.

