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Today on 9th May, British High Commissioner Mr. Thomas Drew visited Election Commission of Pakistan and met worthy Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan Justice Sardar Muhammad Raza. He was accompanied by Mr. Martin Robinson (Second Secretary Political) and Ms. Jawairia Jilani (Head of Democracy Programme). In the meeting Election Commission of Pakistan preparation for forthcoming 2018 General Elections were focused. Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner gave detailed briefing on all ongoing preparation measures for General Elections 2018 including capacity building, Result Management System (RMS) and others. Proposed Election Act 2017 was also discussed and the British High Commissioner was informed about the ECP role in this forthcoming unified Election Act 2017. The British delegation took interest in women voters registration efforts of ECP and its active role in proposed unified law. The British High Commissioner stressed the need for giving full autonomy to ECP for ensuring free, fair and transparent elections. The British delegation expressed satisfaction over the ongoing preparations of ECP for forthcoming 2018 elections and assured that it would keep continue cooperating with ECP in capacity building area for forthcoming 2018 General Elections. Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner thanked the delegation for visiting and extending help and cooperation to Election Commission of Pakistan in capacity building measures.

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