Two Pakistani women feature on 'foreign policy leaders' list

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KARACHI: Two Pakistani women have been featured on "Top 99 under 33 Foreign Policy Leader's" list compiled by The Diplomatic Courier (TDC).

The Washington DC-based global news and international affairs analysis magazine curates an annual list as part of an international project that captures the impact of 99 leaders under the age of 33. Profiles are included from across the globe.

The Pakistanis who have been featured in this year’s list include Hina Mushtaq - an Atlas Corps Fellow from Pakistan serving at Public Health Institute in California and Kalsoom Lakhani – founder and CEO of Invest2Innovate (i2i) were two of the 99 young leaders selected by their peers in recognition of their impact on their respective communities.

According to her profile for TDC, Mushtaq has worked as a consultant at the ITU-UN Headquarters in Geneva and for USAID-funded projects. “She believes that innovative use of technology will reshape foreign policy by bringing about differences in people’s lives beyond their economic and social barriers,” the profile stated. She was listed under the subcategory of “innovator”, which the magazine described as a person who designs new solutions to a critical global challenge.

Lakhani is heading an organisation that supports early-stage social...
enterprises and strengthens access to capital in Pakistan. She is the founder of a blog named Chup and has also written for Next Billion, Foreign Policy, the Washington Post and the Huffington Post.

She was listed under the subcategory of “shaper”, which the magazine described as a person who changes the public discourse on an aspect of foreign policy or raises awareness on a critical issue.