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**Turkey's world-renowned chef and internet celebrity Burak Ozdemir visits a Panagah in Islamabad**



October 31, 2020 – Islamabad: Upon his arrival in Islamabad the Turkish Chef Burak Ozdemir visited a Panagah (shelter home) at Tarlai. Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation Dr. Sania Nishtar and PM's Focal Person on Digital Media Dr. Arsalan Khalid were also present at the Panagah.

With over 476,000 followers on Twitter and a whopping 17.2million followers on Instagram, Burak is well known for his videos on serving massive portions of Turkish dishes worldwide. Few days ago, Burak in his video message on social media had shared that he would visit Pakistan this month. Sharing his plans, the renowned chef had said that he wanted to come to Pakistan and meet the people himself.

At the Panagah, demonstrating his culinary delights, the celebrity chef served meal to people present and this was his only culinary demonstration in Pakistan during the four-day visit.

The people at Panagah were so happy and excited to meet the Turkish chef. Burak took photographs with labourers and listened to their stories.

Burak was impressed with the service enriched living and catering arrangements at Panagah made by the government of Pakistan for the marginalized labourers. “I truly enjoyed serving my Pakistani brothers at Panagah and it is amazing to witness the difference the Panagah initiative is making in lives of the deserving is incredible”, shared Burak with a smile on his face.