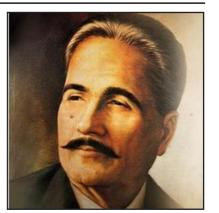


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Messages on the Occassion of National Day of Pakistan March 23, 2015

MAMNOON HUSSAIN, PRESIDENT ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

The 23rd of March marks the momentous occasion when Muslims of India resolved to struggle for an independent state based on principles of equality and justice. It was on this day, 75 years ago, that great thinkers and political leaders came together to embark upon the journey for independence.

Ouaid-e-Azam realized that it was the right of every Muslim of South Asia to enjoy freedom equality and social justice. Millions of people sacrificed their lives to realize the dream of Pakistan.

To mark this historic occasion I would like to urge all citizens of Pakistan to renew their resolve to bring their country to the forefront of the comity of nations. We are confronted with formidable threats and challenges. Women and children, civiland soldiers alike, have been targeted by terrorists Pakistan Zindabad and extremists. Our



schools and our places of worship have been attacked. This day brings us together to remind us of the great struggle and commitment that accomplished the state of Pakistan. Today Pakistan needs the same efforts and commitment from its citizens to unite against evil forces. We must forget our differences and reclaim our country. A country where there is harmony and tolerance, education and prosperity, and people can live in peace and continue to strive towards success. May Allah Almighty bless us in our efforts to preserve and protect our citizens and our homeland.

MUHAMMAD NAWAZ SHARIF, PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN ON PAKISTAN

century have elapsed since the Muslims of subcontinent irreversibly resolved to seek their own independent Muslim state. Their revered Quaid declared that Muslims of South Asia were an independent nation by any definition. He led them to wage a struggle for a state based on principles of social justice, self-determination and equality. The independence struggle witnessed countless vicissitudes but the Quaid never flinched from his avowed objective. The firm commitment of the Quaid wholeheartedly backed by the Muslim nation ultimately succeeded in carving out an independent homeland. The Quaid bequeathed to his people the Promised Land with the exhortation to preserve and protect it for future generations. Three quarters of a

century later Quaid's Pakistan is groping to overcome unprecedented threats and challenges. The peace loving people of Pakistan are unwittingly exposed to threats posed

Three guarters of a by extremism and terrorism. Pakistan has been subjected to an existential threat that it has no option but to confront. The anti-state elements threatening Pakistan are out to threaten not only the lives but also the very fabric of Pakistani nation. But the Pakistanis have irrevocably stood up to the challenge and have resolved never to give in. Pakistan is resolved to redeem its pledge given to its founding fathers that it will protect the homeland. We are also committed to preserve and ensure freedom, equality and social justice as core values of our polity as desired by our enlightened forbears. I am a steadfast believer

> in permanence of morality based representative plurality envisaged by the Quaid. I greatly value the equality principle and consider it vital for national preservation. I am a formidable opponent of anachronistic notions of obscurantism and consider it harmful to our national existence. I am confident that with the valued assistance of our valiant armed forces, unconditionally supported by the entire array of



political opinion, we will surely overpower threatening forces.

I am confident that Pakistan has turned a new leaf in its existence and will soon be able to overcome all odds. My government has embarked upon a vast portfolio of institutional and development ventures that will bear fruit in near future.

I wish to reiterate my resolve to the nation that under my watch no effort will be spared to bring tolerance and harmony in Pakistan. I am committed to ensure that Pakistanis are provided with every opportunity to live freely, seek education, gain employment and practice their faith without hindrance, fear and favour.

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SYED ABRAR HUSSAIN, AMBASSADOR OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

Today, we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of Pakistan Resolution. On this auspicious day, the Muslims of the Sub-Continent expressed their resolve to achieve an independent country of their own. The Resolution inculcated the spirit of unity and extra-ordinary courage among the Muslims of India to have a separate homeland. With the blessings of Almighty Allah, Muslims of the Sub-Continent, under the sagacious leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, succeeded in their mission, in a short span of seven years, and Pakistan came into being on 14th August, 1947.

Pakistan Day, each year, is an occasion to reiterate our commitment to the ideals for which Pakistan was created and to pay tributes to our founding fathers who struggled hard, suffered and sacrificed for the cause. Today, we also renew

our pledge to pursue

and promote construc-

tive engagement with our brotherly country, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in all areas. A stable, peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan is not only in the vital interest of Pakistan but of the entire region. Pakistan, therefore, supports all efforts being made by the Afghan government to achieve this goal. Pakistan has also been actively contributing to the socio-economic uplift of Afghanistan and has undertaken a number of projects in the fields of health, education and infrastructure. I am confident

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in the days to come.

that friendly relations

between the two coun-

tries will grow further

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Which Made History

75 years ago on this day a population decided to become a nation and carve its own destiny; an idea that gave birth to a country. We take inspiration from such resolutions everywhere, everyday. Never follow the well-trodden path and decide your own destiny.

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