

Lahore resolution



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PREAMBLE Pakistan Resolution was the turning point in the history of Pakistan. It provides a way to the Muslims, leading to the destination of a complete independence. **ATTITUDE OF HINDUS** Hindus clearly stated that they would not tolerate another community in India by saying: " India belong to the Hindus and if Muslims wish to live in India, they should Hinduism. " The Hindus tried to destroy Muslim identity by introducing Hindi as a medium of education. **CONGRESS OPERATION** The congress neglected the Muslim in every field and supported the Hindus. It did not recognize Muslim as a considerable party in India. In his address Nehru stated that: " There are only two parties in the country, the congress and the british. " According of Quaid-e-Azam : " The sole aim and object of the congress is to annihilate every other organization in the country. " **PARTITION PROPOSALS** By 1937, the political conditions of Sub Continent compelled the Muslim political leaders to seriously consider the partition of India. The idea of Indian partition was not a new one, a number of partition proposals had been forwarded previously by many Muslim leaders like Syed Ahmed Shaheed, Mohammad Abdul Qadir, Allama Iqbal, Syed Jamal Uddin Afghani, Abdul Halim Sharar e. t. c. **PROPOSAL GIVEN BY ALLAMA IQBAL** The most reasonable proposal was given by Allama Iqbal. The poet, philosopher, while delivering his presidential address at the annual session of the Muslim League at Allahbad in December 1930 said: " India is a continent of Human Beings belonging to different languages , having different religion, therefore, I demand the formation of separate Muslim State for the Muslims of India. " **CHAUDRY REHMAT ALI'S SCHEME** Chaudry Rehmat Ali proposed his scheme of partition of India. He declared: " North of India is Muslim and we shall keep it Muslim. Not only that , we will make it a Muslim State....? " He coined the word " Pakistan" in

which 'P' stands for Punjab, 'A' stands for Afghanistan, (N. W. F. P) 'K' for Kashmir, 'S' for Sindh and 'tan' stands for Baluchistan. The word Pakistan means "The land of Pure".

THE PAKISTAN RESOLUTION In 1940, the annual session of Muslim League was held at Lahore in Minto Park (Iqbal Park). Under the chairmanship of Quaid-e-Azam and a resolution was passed on 23rd March, 1940. The Resolution was moved by Bengal Chief Minister Maulvi Fazlul Haq and seconded by Chaudry Khaliq-uz-Zaman. It stated that:

"No Constitution plan would be workable in this country or acceptable to Muslims unless it is designed on the following basic principles, viz, that geographically contiguous units are demarcated into regions which should be so constituted, with such territorial adjustment as may be necessary, that the areas in which Muslims are numerically in majority as in the North-Western and Eastern zones of India, should be grouped to constitute independent states in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign... adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards should be specifically provided in the constitution for minorities for the protection of their religion, cultural, economic, political, administrative and other rights."

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF QUAID-E-AZAM The Quaid-e-Azam delivered a historic address at this moment highlighting the distinct national character of the Muslims of India. He said: "Muslims are not a minority as is commonly known and understood. One has only got to look around even today, According to the British map of India, out of 11 provinces, 4 provinces where the Muslims dominate more or less are functioning notwithstanding the decision of the Congress High Command to non-cooperate and prepare for civil disobedience. Muslims are a nation according to any definition of a nation and they must have their homelands, their territory and their state. We wish

to live in peace and harmony with our neighbours as a free and independent people. We wish our people to develop to the fullest our spiritual, cultural, economic, social and political life in a way that we think best and in consonance with our own ideals and according to the genius of our people. "

MUSLIMS ACCEPTANCE AND HINDUS REJECTION OF THE RESOLUTION The Resolution was unanimously accepted by the Muslims who had assembled the meeting in a large number. The Hindu readers and newspaper raised a hue and cry after the Resolution. They refused it and referred to the partition as "Vivisection of Motherland". Gandhi said that : " Dividing India was like dividing a cow. " Quaid-e-Azam warned the Hindus that: " If the Hindus tried to get the whole of India they would lose the whole, but if they gave one-third to the Muslims they would get two-thirds. " **IMPORTANCE OF PAKISTAN RESOLUTION** The Pakistan Resolution is a landmark in the history of the Muslims of India. This famous Resolution results in the creation of Pakistan. The acceptance of Pakistan Resolution strengthened the Two Nation Theory which was the basis of Muslim struggle for Independence.

CONCLUSION Pakistan Resolution was a demand for the protection and safeguard of the national identity of the Muslims. With the passage of Pakistan Resolution, the Muslims began to acquire new hope and confidence in their destiny. The Resolution infused high spirits among the Muslims who were now determined to fight to the last minute for the accomplishment of Pakistan.