

PAKISTAN

THE NATION

WITH A VISION

Nation Building Initiative

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Preamble

Whereas sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone and authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust;

And whereas it is the will of the people of Pakistan to establish an order:-

Wherein the State shall exercise its powers and authority through the chosen representatives of the people;

Wherein the principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed;

Wherein the Muslims shall be enabled to order their lives in the individual and collective spheres in accordance with the teachings and requirements of Islam as set out in the Holy Quran and Sunnah;

Wherein adequate provision shall be made for the minorities freely to profess and practice their religions and develop their cultures;

Wherein the territories now included in or in accession with Pakistan and such other territories as may hereafter be included in or accede to Pakistan shall from a Federation wherein the units will be autonomous with such boundaries and limitations on their powers and authority as may be prescribed;

Therein shall be guaranteed fundamental rights, including equality of status, of opportunity and before law, social, economic and political justice, and freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and association, subject to law and public morality;

Wherein adequate provision shall be made to safeguard the legitimate interests of minorities and backward and depressed classes;

Wherein the independence of the judiciary shall be fully secured;

Wherein the integrity of the territories of the Federation, Its Independence and all its rights, including its sovereign rights on land, sea and air, shall be safeguarded;

So that the people of Pakistan may prosper and attain their rightful and honoured place amongst the nations of the world and make their full contribution towards international peace and progress and happiness of humanity:

Now, therefore, we, the people of Pakistan,

Cognisant of our responsibility before Almighty Allah and men;

Cognisant of the sacrifices made by the people in the cause of Pakistan;

Faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid i Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, that Pakistan would be democratic State based on Islamic principles of social justice;

Dedicated to the preservation of democracy achieved by the unremitting struggle of the people against oppression and tyranny;

Inspired by the resolve to protect our national and political unity and solidarity by creating an egalitarian society through a new order;

Do hereby, through our representatives in the national assembly, adopt, enact and give to ourselves, this constitution;

PAKSITAN – THE NATION WITH A VISION

The people of Pakistan are disillusioned with the current state of affairs in the country. However, they have hope and have shown great resilience over the past many years. It is their faith that keeps them going, which Quaid i Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah rightly identified as the core attribute of our Nation. Nevertheless, Faith alone cannot improve the state of affairs unless augmented by attributes of Unity and discipline as professed by the Quaid. It is the need of the time that in the light of these guiding principles, the people make a resolve to come out of the current quagmire.

A logical way forward would be to:

Unite the people by promoting the Vision that is given in the Constitution.
Thus forge them into a 'Solid Nation'.

Then organize this Nation to pursue the 'Vision'.

The aforesaid process would require collective leadership; rather than a charismatic individual. In effect through this process, the required collective leadership will emerge. It would be a closed loop phenomenon where the collective leadership, inspired by the ideals and the vision of Allama Iqbal, would unite the people and lead them to make Pakistan a true Islamic Republic which would be a welfare state. In turn the process will strengthen and consolidate the collective leadership for continued nation building.

Creation of such a leadership, which is sincere, honest, capable, visionary, diligent and confident, will indeed be an arduous task made possible only by a dedicated group. In this regard, the first step will be to bring the people of Pakistan on same page based on the Islamic principles of social justice. That means building a general consensus with regard to the national aspirations and destiny, as envisaged by Quaid i Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah for Pakistan to be a strong sovereign, peaceful and prosperous state, which is free from bribery, corruption, monopolistic black marketeering, jobbery and nepotism. In this regard, we are fortunate that our Nation had unanimously agreed to a set of objectives called: the "Objective Resolution", based on which the Constitution has been adopted, enacted and accepted by the People of Pakistan.

Providentially, the enthralling and highly inspiring "National Anthem" of Pakistan is also reflective of the spirit of "Objective Resolution". Thus, it is feasible to forge a unified Pakistani character by making the people imbibe the meanings of the National Anthem and relate it with the Objective Resolution.

Following is an endeavour by the Nation Building Initiative (NBI) in this regard:

<i>Pak Sar Zameen Shadbad</i>	<i>Blessed be the sacred Land</i>
<i>Kishwar e haseen Shadbad</i>	<i>Happy be the bounteous realm</i>
<i>Tu nishan e azam e aali shan</i>	<i>Thou symbol of exalted resolve</i>
<i>Arz e Pakistan</i>	<i>O Land of Pakistan !</i>
<i>Markaz e yaqeen Shadbad</i>	<i>Blessed be thou centre of faith</i>

The key concept in the above verses is “Azm e Aali Shan” i.e. the “exalted resolve” which is given in the Constitution. It is imperative that the people of Pakistan are enabled to develop full understanding of this; so that the Nation can be gelled together for the required synergy to overcome the grave challenges. Details of the national resolve are as follows:

Whereas sovereignty over the entire Universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone, and the authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan within the limits prescribed by Him is a sacred trust;

Elaboration: The above statement is a declaration of *Tauheed, Risalat* and *Aakhirat*. These are the fundamentals of our *Iman*; and thus Pakistan is a bona fide Islamic Republic / State.

And whereas it is the will of the people of Pakistan to establish an order:-

Elaboration: A resolve to establish an “Order of Goodness” is noble indeed as it provides conducive environment for perceived lifestyle (way of life) and socioeconomic system to flourish. In the Islamic sense the Order of justice and equality is established by Salat and Zakat. Accordingly, it is the responsibility and interest of every person to promote such an Order, for benefits in this world and rewards hereafter.

Wherein the State shall exercise its powers and authority through the chosen representatives of the people;

Elaboration: The very purpose of democracy is establishment of impartial institutions and enforcement of “rule of law”; and not limited to holding of elections. The chosen / elected representatives are given mandate and responsibility to uphold public interest without any bias / prejudice. Thus a democratic state can only function properly when governed by a truly democratic political party; which is impartial and upholds the rule of law. Unfortunately our political parties do exactly the opposite to win elections by promoting biases among the people. Thus the people need to demand democracy which provides rule of law; or else the elections will only produce ruthless tyrants. Another important aspect that people need to understand is that democracy is much more compatible with Islam than tribal or monarchic political systems. To be Islamic a political system should uphold justice (i.e. rule of law) and provide benevolent governance based on Islamic principles and values.

Wherein the principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed;

Elaboration: Since the people of Pakistan are predominantly Muslims; their identity, norms and values are Islamic. Therefore it is imperative that the laws, rules and standards adopted by the State should be acceptable to Pakistani society; and that there should be an Order based on these standards which should satisfy the needs of the people.

Wherein the Muslims shall be enable to order their lives in the individual and collective spheres in accordance with the teachings and requirements of Islam as set out in the Holy Quran and Sunnah;

Elaboration: This clause is generally referred to as the “Ideology of Pakistan”; and it mandates the Government to provide enabling environment to Muslims, so that they can live according to the dictates of Quran Al Majeed and emulate Sunnah (i.e. the words and deeds) of Prophet Mohammad ﷺ. The Constitution emphasises on providing of enabling environment i.e. facilitation rather than coercion.

Wherein adequate provision shall be made for the minorities to freely profess and practice their religions and develop their cultures;

Elaboration: While the Muslims in Pakistan are facilitated to practice Islam the Non-Muslims have the same freedom to live in accordance with their respective Faiths. Islam also grants these fundamental rights to all the peoples; and same were applied by Prophet Mohammad ﷺ in Madina Al-Munawwara.

Wherein the territories now include in or in accession with Pakistan and such other territories as may hereafter be include in or accede to Pakistan shall form a Federation wherein the units will be autonomous with such boundaries and limitations on their powers and authority as may be prescribed;

Elaboration: Pakistan is a federation and all federating units exercise autonomy i.e. self-governance and independence within the perimeters of the Constitution. This allows and also provides incentive to new units, such as Kashmir etc. to join the federation of Pakistan.

Therein shall be guaranteed fundamental rights, including equality of status, of opportunity and before law, social, economic and political justice, and freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and association, subject to law and public morality;

Elaboration: The Constitution of Pakistan guarantees the fundamental human rights to all the citizens, residents and visitors. However, it demands from them to respect the rights of other people in accordance with public morality and decency.

Wherein adequate provision shall be made to safeguard the legitimate interests of minorities and backward and depressed classes;

Elaboration: The Constitution of Pakistan in addition to the protection of human rights, mandates protection and safeguard of the interest of minorities; as well as the underprivileged that were deprived for a very long period.

Wherein the independence of the judiciary shall be fully secured;

Elaboration: Independence of judiciary is essential for dispensation of justice and protection of human rights.

Wherein the integrity of the territories of the Federation, its independence and all its rights, including its sovereign rights on land, sea and air, shall be safeguarded;

Elaboration: The Constitution of Pakistan mandates for establishment of Armed Forces for protection of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

<i>Pak Sar zameen ka nizam</i>	<i>The order of this sacred land</i>
<i>Quwwat e ukhuwwat e awam</i>	<i>Mighty and brotherhood of the people</i>
<i>Qaum , mulk, saltanat</i>	<i>May the Nation, the Country and the State</i>
<i>Payindah tabindah bad</i>	<i>Shine in everlasting glory</i>
<i>Shad bad manzil e murad</i>	<i>Blessed be the goal of our ambition</i>

The key concept in the above verse is “manzil e murad” which should be acceptable to all the citizens of Pakistan. Al Hamd o Lillah the people of Pakistan are united on this subject and have chosen the following as their national goal; reflected accordingly in the Constitution:

So that the people of Pakistan may prosper and attain their rightful and honoured place amongst the nations of the world and make their full contribution towards international peace and progress and happiness of humanity:

Elaboration: The national objectives of the people of Pakistan are indeed admirable as these reflect exceptionally high morality:

- Prosperity for people means social equality through equal access to opportunities, national / natural resources and fair distribution of wealth; so that each individual effectively contributes to the progress of the Nation.
- To be a vibrant nation that is respected by the world for contributing towards global peace, progress and happiness of humanity.

It would be prudent to note that our “National Goal” is not limited; it is universal and thus focuses on global peace, progress and happiness of the entire humanity. In practice also Pakistani people are highly caring and hospitable. Pakistani nation has always stood up for helping other nations against tyranny and oppression.

<i>Parcham e sitara o hilal</i>	<i>The Flag of crescent and star</i>
<i>Rahbar e taarqqi o kamal</i>	<i>Leader of progress and excellence</i>
<i>Tarjuman e mazi, shan e hal</i>	<i>Represents our past, glory of the time</i>
<i>Jan e istiqbal</i>	<i>Inspiration for the future</i>
<i>Saya e khuda e zuljalal</i>	<i>Blessed by the Almighty Allah</i>

Elaboration: Pakistan by virtue of the ‘exalted resolve’ (azam e aali shan) and the ‘chosen destiny’ (manzil e murad) of its people is a blessed nation. This is also reflected by the Flag of crescent and star which represents their past and present glories and is an inspiration for the future. The key concepts in these verses are ‘Progress’ and ‘Excellence’. These two attributes should identify Pakistani character. Therefore we should inculcate these attributes in the people so that Pakistanis are identified by these qualities.

The world today is developing at an unprecedented pace due to exponential advancement in technologies. To keep up with this advancement, people of Pakistan will have to work diligently, systematically and synergistically to achieve “manzil e murad” i.e. our cherished national goal. In order to do this our systems and the institutions need to be geared up for the development of required attitude, knowledge and skills. For this transformation Pakistan requires sincere, honest, visionary, dedicated and progressive leadership which will shape up through the closed loop process discussed earlier.

Consequentially, the Nation has pledged the following to achieve their cherished goal and the aspirations:

Now, therefore, we, the people of Pakistan,

Cognisant of our responsibility before Almighty Allah and men;

*Cognisant of the sacrifices made by the people in the cause of Pakistan;
Faithful to the declaration made by the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-i-Azam
Mohammad Ali Jinnah, that Pakistan would be a democratic State based on
Islamic Principles of social justice.*

*Dedicated to the preservation of democracy achieved by the unremitting struggle
of the people against oppression and tyranny;*

Inspired by the resolve to protect our national and political unity and solidarity by creating an egalitarian society through a new order;

Elaboration: The people of Pakistan have pledged the following so they must work now diligently with utmost sincerity to ensure the following for their wellbeing:

- Create an egalitarian society based on Islamic principles of social justice.
- Practice democracy in letter and spirit; fundamentally within the political parties.
- Fight oppression and tyranny.
- Develop human capital.

Jinnah's Pakistan is supposed to be a democracy which can dispense social justice based on the Islamic principles.

And the ominous threat being confronted by Pakistan of the hybrid warfare can only be eradicated by creation of an egalitarian society. Thus the antidote to our problems is full implementation of our Constitution:

To protect our national and political unity and solidarity by creating an egalitarian society through a new order.

Do hereby, through our representatives in the National Assembly, adopt, enact and give to ourselves, this Constitution.

Elaboration: The people of Pakistan have formally and legally made the above mentioned clauses binding on themselves.

To conclude, it is reiterated that every Pakistani should endeavour to transform oneself and the society by focusing on the Vision of Pakistan most appropriately described by Quaid i Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and accordingly given in the Constitution. In order to achieve this Vision, a Society has been founded, namely Nation Building Initiative (NBI), to culture egalitarian values and "rule of law" in the Society. NBI, thus invites you to become part of the movement and spread this message to:

"Build an educated, disciplined, healthy and prosperous Pakistan by actively promoting implementation of the Constitution of Pakistan in true letter and spirit by the three pillars of the state (i.e. Executive, Legislature and Judiciary), media and the People".

Consequently, we will, In Shaa Allah, be able to:

“Establish an egalitarian society based on the Islamic principles of social justice; so that the people of Pakistan prosper and attain their rightful and honored place amongst the nations of world”

In order to achieve the above mentioned goal in this era of turbulence, caused by the phenomenal transformation of geopolitics and accelerated pace of technological advancement, Which is providing our resilient and brave Nation host of challenging opportunities; NBI will focus on the following scheme for nation building:

- a. Development of human source that has positive attitude, vision, knowledge and skills.**
- b. Development of institutions, technologies, industries and entrepreneurships, particularly the SME Sector.**

We therefore urge all the citizens of Pakistan to join hand and synergistically work to achieve the above mentioned objectives. In Shaa Allah the people of Pakistan will soon be prosperous and potent to make their full contribution towards international peace, prosperity and happiness of humanity.

قومی ترانہ

کشورِ حسین شاد باد
Happy be the Bounteous realm

پاک سرزمین شاد باد
Blessed be the sacred land

ارضِ پاکستان !
O Land of Pakistan!

تو نشانِ عزمِ عالیشان
Thou symbol of exalted resolve

مرکزِ یقینِ شاد باد
Blessed be thou centre of faith

قوتِ اخوتِ عوام
Might and brotherhood of the people

پاک سرزمین کا نظام
The order of this sacred land

پائندہ تابندہ باد
Shine in everlasting glory

قوم، ملک، سلطنت
May the Nation, the country and the state

شاد باد منسزلِ مراد
Blessed be the goal of our ambition

بہرِ ترقی و کمال
Leader of progress and excellence

پرچمِ ستارہ و ہلال
The Flag of crescent and star

جانِ استقبال !
Inspiration for the future

ترجمانِ ماضی شانِ جاں
Represents our past, glory of the time

سایہٴ خدا کے ذوالجلال
Blessed by the Almighty Allah