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Celebration of the 69th Independence day of Pakistan 2015



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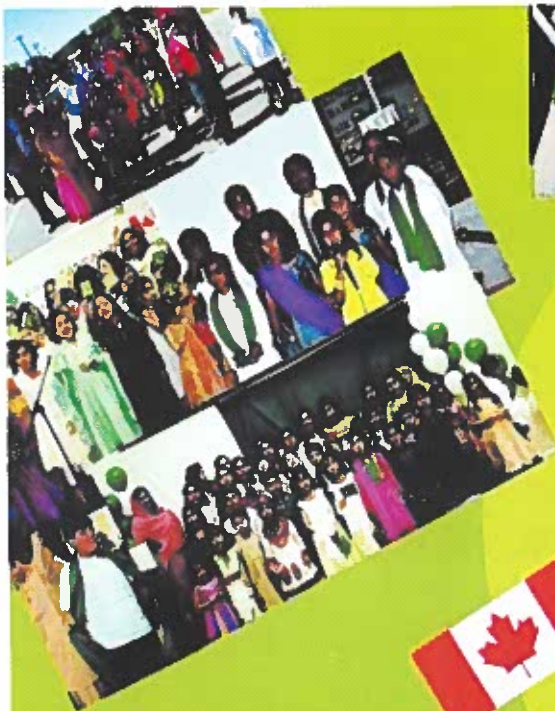
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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PCA FORT MCMURRAY

Dear Community Members,

**Our hearty felicitations to you on the 69TH Independence Day of
Pakistan.**

The Executive Committee of Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray facilitates the Pakistan origin community of Fort McMurray on the festive occasion of the 69th Independence Day of Pakistan, 6th Anniversary of PCA Fort McMurray and Eid-ul-Fitr.

It gives us great honour and pride to serve the Pakistan origin community of Fort McMurray through the forum of PCA. We are extremely delighted and appreciative of the active participation of all our members in the various social and culture events organized by PCA since its inception 2009. At the same time it is also a pleasure to note an increase in our community since 2009. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following for their patronage and support to the PCA Fort McMurray:

Honourable Mayor of Fort McMurray, The Council Members of Municipality of Wood Buffalo, The Members of the Provincial and Federal Assemblies for Fort McMurray, and the local businesses.

We would look forward to your continued support to PCA Fort McMurray in the future, so that we can further promote the integration of our community into Canadian society and jointly celebrate our successes for the promotion of our city Fort McMurray.

Thank you,

Executive Committee
Pakistan Canada Association
Fort McMurray, Alberta

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of Citizenship
and Immigration



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Greetings from Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the Pakistan Independence Day celebration hosted by the Pakistan Canada Association (PCA) of Fort McMurray. I would like to thank the PCA, volunteers, and staff for their efforts in making this event possible.

This 6th anniversary of the PCA is a reflection of Canada's diversity – a celebration of our success as a welcoming nation that values the contributions of every individual and every community. Our nation's diversity has become a success story due, in large part, to the hard work and dedication of community organizations and agencies such as the PCA, who are committed to helping new Canadians become productive, successful members of our prosperous society.

As Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister, I would like to thank the Pakistan Canada Association for your dedication to preserving your cultural heritage and for helping to create a vibrant and harmonious society. Best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Chris Alexander

Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister



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Premier of Alberta

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Message from Honourable Rachel Notley Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, best wishes to the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray as you celebrate your sixth anniversary and mark Pakistan Independence Day 2015.

Alberta is the province it is today because people from all over the world strive to make our province their home. Through strong cultural communities, newcomers find both fellowship of their homeland and a sense of belonging here in Alberta. Over the past six years, the members and families of the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray have offered a superb example of this community building effort. Through your activities and public engagement, you have shown us all that we can find unity in diversity.

My best wishes to the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray on another year of helping to make Fort McMurray a better home for all. May your generous spirit continue to inspire as we build Alberta together.

Rachel Notley

August 22, 2015





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MESSAGE FROM MR. ABRAR H. HASHMI,
ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PAKISTAN
ON THE OCCASION OF PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - 2015

It is my pleasure to extend heartiest greetings to the Pakistan-Canada Association, Fort McMurray on the occasion of its 6th Anniversary. I would also like to wish happy Independence Day of Pakistan – 2015 to PCA, its President Mr. Zaid Sulaiman, all office bearers and to the Pakistan origin community living in Fort McMurray.

Our community in Fort McMurray has done much to further cement the excellent relations existing between our two countries and people. We are extremely proud of our community for its commitment, hard work and singular dedication.

Pakistan Day is also an opportunity to reflect and pledge to dream of our founders based on Faith, Unity and Discipline. The resilient nation is rebounding. The Government is determined in defeating miscreants and improving economic wellbeing.

Besides, partnership in development and commerce, we share with Canada the ideals of reversing the tide of extremism. Pakistan greatly admires Canada's pluralism and multiculturalism. We continue to attach the highest importance to our relationship with Canada and would like to see these ties strengthened further to mutual benefit of people.

I would like to extend to our brothers and sisters in Fort McMurray our sincerest wishes for their happiness and success.

Ottawa
23 July 2015

(Abrar H. Hashmi)
Acting High Commissioner



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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MELISSA BLAKE

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Regional Council and the residents of Wood Buffalo, I congratulate all members of the local Pakistani community as we celebrate Pakistan's 68th Independence Day and the sixth anniversary of the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray.

On this important occasion we recognize and honour all those who played a role in securing Pakistan's sovereignty on August 14, 1947. We celebrate their sacrifices and thank them for everything they did in order to secure the freedom and rights that are cherished today.

We also celebrate the many contributions that members of the Pakistani community make to life here in Wood Buffalo. Our community truly embraces multiculturalism and is enriched by the diversity of people who call this region home. It is wonderful to see the local Pakistani community thrive—not just in terms of the numbers of families who choose to live here, but in the way the rich culture, history, and traditions are celebrated and shared.

I would like to thank the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray for their dedication and hard work in promoting multiculturalism in our community. You have accomplished so much in six short years and we look forward to your continued success for many more years to come!

Once again, congratulations to all members of the local Pakistani community as you celebrate 68 years of independence! Enjoy the festivities!

Melissa Blake
Mayor





DAVID YURDIGA, M.P.
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July 14, 2015

My good friends,

Multiculturalism allows people to be Canadian while supporting them to celebrate their heritage and culture. The month of August is a special month for our vibrant Pakistani community in Fort McMurray and around the world.

Here in Canada, the large Pakistani-Canadian community, which numbers over 155,000, continues to make significant contributions to the prosperity and vibrancy of our country and especially in Fort McMurray.

On August 22nd our Pakistani community in Fort McMurray is celebrating Pakistan Independence Day 2015 & 6th Anniversary of PCA Fort McMurray. We join all communities around the world as we celebrate the 68th anniversary of Pakistan's independence in August.

I wish all those participating in celebrations a happy and festive Pakistan Independence Day and offer my sincere gratitude and respect to the Fort McMurray Pakistan Canada Association for your anniversary and commitment to Canada, your community and your heritage.

Sincerely,

DAVID YURDIGA
Member of Parliament
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15 July 2015

**Message from the Consul General on 69th Independence Day of Pakistan
celebrations by The Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray**

On behalf of the Consulate General of Pakistan, I would like to convey our heartfelt felicitations to the members of the Pakistani community in Fort McMurray on the occasion of 69th Independence Day of Pakistan.

Pakistan was achieved as the result of long struggle for freedom by the Muslims of the sub-continent, involving countless sacrifices. The Independence Day demands that we renew our pledge today regardless of our personal interests, to dedicate our energies for Pakistan and lead it to high level of development through Unity, Faith and Discipline as envisaged by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Pakistani community has always played instrumental role in projecting Pakistan as a tolerant, moderate and progressive nation abroad. We are proud of Pakistani Community, Fort McMurray's contribution to the progress and prosperity of Canada in general and Alberta in particular. Let us all celebrate this day and resolve to work together for a better Pakistan and robust Pakistan-Canada relations.



(Dr. Muhammad Tariq)
Consul General

Pakistan Independence Day message from Brian Jean and Tany Yao

It is my sincere pleasure to extend Independence Day greetings to Fort McMurray's Pakistani community.

On this day, we celebrate Pakistan's independence from British rule in 1947 and celebrate the words of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the Quaid-e-Azam, who helped create the great nation of Pakistan through his powerful message of unity and faith.

Congratulations to the Pakistan Canada Association of Fort McMurray on preparing a wonderful Independence Day event and on its sixth anniversary in our community.

On behalf of the entire Wildrose Official Opposition, happy Independence Day. Let us all be united.



Brian Jean, MLA Fort McMurray – Conklin (L) Tany Yao, MLA Fort McMurray – Wood Buffalo (R)

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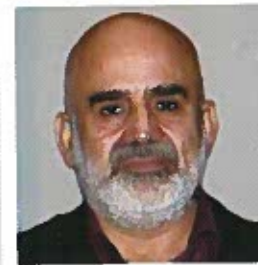
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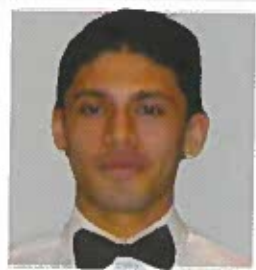
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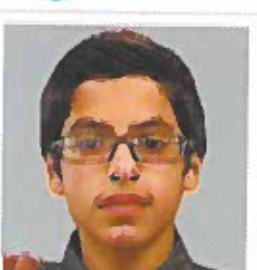
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THE LEGENDARY LEADERS OF PAKISTAN

Fatima Jinnah Madr e Millat



Miss Fatima Jinnah, younger sister of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, was born in 1893. Of his seven brothers and sisters, she was the closest to the Quaid. Jinnah became her guardian upon the death of their father in 1901. Due to her brother's keen interest, and despite strident family opposition, Miss Fatima received excellent early education. She joined the Bandra Convent in 1902. In 1919 she got admitted to the highly competitive University of Calcutta where she attended the Dr. Ahmad Dental College. After she qualified, Jinnah went along with her idea of opening a dental clinic in Bombay and helped her set it up in 1923.

Miss Fatima Jinnah initially lived with her brother for about eight years till 1918, when he got married to Rutanbai. Upon Rutanbai's death in February 1929, Miss Jinnah wound up her clinic, moved into Jinnah's bungalow, and took charge of his house; thus beginning the life-long companionship that lasted till Jinnah's death on September 11, 1948. In all, Miss Jinnah lived with her brother for about 28 years, including the last 19 tiring years of his life. The Quaid would discuss various problems with her, mostly at the breakfast and dinner table. Paying tribute to her sister, the Quaid once said, "My sister was like a bright ray of light and hope whenever I came back home and met her. Anxieties would have been much greater and my health much worse, but for the restraint imposed by her". Miss Jinnah not only lived with her brother but also accompanied him on his numerous tours.



Fatima Jinnah with her brother Muhammad Ali Jinnah

In 1932, she joined him in London when he remained there after the Second Round Table Conference. When the All India Muslim League was being organized, Miss Fatima Jinnah was taken on as a member of the Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, and worked in that capacity until 1947. In March 1940, she attended the Lahore session of the Muslim League. Fatima was convinced that the Hindus intended to subjugate and dominate the Muslims completely. It was primarily due to her initiative that the All India Muslim Women Students Federation was organized in February 1941 at Delhi. During the transfer of power in 1947,



FATIMA JINNAH

she was an inspiration to Muslim women. She formed the Women's Relief Committee, which later formed the nucleus for the All Pakistan Women's Association. She also played a significant role in the settlement of refugees in the new state of Pakistan. Despite her old age, she continued to help social and educational associations. During the Quaid's illness, she remained passionately attached to him. After his death, she often issued important statements on important occasions, as a reminder to the nation of the ideals on which Pakistan had been established.

The people of Pakistan hold Miss Fatima in high esteem. Due to her selfless work for Pakistan, the nation conferred upon her the title of Madar-i-Millat, or "Mother of the Nation". She died in Karachi on July 8, 1967. Some historians indicate that the date of her death was actually July 2, 1967

Source: Story of Pakistan

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF PAKISTAN

Ali Masjid



Ali Masjid is a mosque situated along the Khyber Pass that snakes through the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan. According to the legend, the mosque derives its name from the Islamic caliph, Hazrat Ali; local traditions put that he traveled the area. True or false.

Bab-e-Pakistan



Although not completed, the Bab-e-Pakistan monument seeks to honor the thousands of Muslim families who chose to migrate to the newly-created state of Pakistan in 1947. The monument is located in Lahore.

Minar-e-Pakistan



meaning the "Tower of Pakistan," the Minar was completed during a span of eight years from 1960-68. The monument is located on the same grounds where the famous Lahore Resolution was passed in 1940. The Resolution demanded separate states for the Muslims of the then-India.

Quaid's Residency



Situated in Ziarat, a hill station in Balochistan province, the Residency was where Pakistan's founder Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah spent the last days of his life. The ailing Jinnah was recommended a rest and Ziarat was the best choice for its fragrance and fresh mountain air. The Residency provided the founder with the perfect retreat.

Islamia College



Situated in Peshawar, Islamia College was established in 1913 by Nawab Sir Sahabzada Abdul Qayyum and Sir George Roos Kepl. The idea of Abdul Qayyum, an educationist-cum-politician, was to build an educational institute that imparts modern education to the Muslims. Students of Islamia College played an important role in the movement of independence for Pakistan.

Mazar-e-Quaid



Situated in Karachi, Mazar-e-Quaid is the tomb of Pakistan's founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Established in 1970, the tomb is an iconic representation of the city of Karachi. Not only the founder, but other prominent leaders, namely Liaquat Ali Khan, Abdur Rab Nishtar, Fatima Jinnah, and Nur-ul-Amin are also buried in the same mausoleum.



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Artwork Award



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Memories



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