

# Constitutional History of Pakistan

26<sup>th</sup> July 1947 → First constituent Assembly.  
(69 Mem → 79 Mem)  
+ one female mem)

State of Pakistan was created under the Act of Independence 1947. All territories to be governed according to the Govt of India Act, 1935.

10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1947 → First session of constituent Assembly was held.

11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1947 →

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Quaide-Azam M. Ali Jinnah elected as President of Constituent Assembly.

7<sup>th</sup> Mar 1949

Objective Resolution was introduced by First PM (Liaquat Ali Khan)

12<sup>th</sup> Mar 1949 → Resolution was adopted by constituent assembly.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct 1951 →

PM, Liaquat Ali Khan was assassinated.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1951 →

Khwaja Nazimuddin took over as Prime Minister.

The final draft of the Constitution was prepared in 1954.

M. Ali Bogra was PM at that time.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1954.

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Just before the draft could be placed in the House for approval, the constituent Assembly was dissolved by the then Governor General Ghulam Muhammad.

"Maulvi Tamizuddin was the President of the Assembly."

He challenged the dissolution in Sindh Chief Court, & won the case. Govt went to Federal Court & famous judgement was given by Justice M. Munir, acc. to which Maulvi Tamizuddin lost the case.

28th May 1955

↳ 2nd Constituent Assembly was created

(80 Members)

(half each from East & West Pakistan)

This assembly gave first constitution of Pakistan.  
"The Constitution of Pakistan 1956."



9<sup>th</sup> Jan 1956 → Draft of constitution was introduced in Assembly.

29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1956 → Draft was passed by Assembly.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 1956 → assent was given by Governor General.  
(Iskander Mirza)

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 1956 → Constitution was enforced.  
Ch. M Ali was PM at that time.

Iskander Mirza became 1<sup>st</sup> President.

It became our Republic day

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↳ Parliamentary → Unicameral, East & West Pakistan (300 men divided equally).

Iskander Mirza abrogated the constitution & declared Martial law, on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1958 → appointed Gen. M Ayub Khan, as Chief Martial Law Administrator.

27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1958 → Gen. Ayub Khan took over as 2<sup>nd</sup> President of Pakistan.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1960 → Gen. Ayub Khan appointed Constitution Commission.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1962 → Second Constitution was framed.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1962 → constitution was enforced.

↳ Presedential → Unicameral → indirect election.

↳ Name of Pakistan & Speaker's Religion.

1964 → first general election of Pakistan.

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25<sup>th</sup> Mar 1969

Second Martial law was imposed. & General Yahya Khan took over as President. Constitution was abrogated.

Gen. Yahya Khan issued Legal Framework Order, under which first ever general elections were held on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1970.

1971 → East Pakistan seceded from West Pakistan & became Bangladesh.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1971.

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto took over as president of Pakistan.



17<sup>th</sup> Apr 1972 → Interim Constitution <sup>day / date:</sup>  
was adopted by NA.

→ formed a constitutional  
committee 25 members  
under leadership of  
Abdul-Hafiz Pirzada.

10<sup>th</sup> Apr 1973 → passed by assembly.

14<sup>th</sup> Aug 1973 → enforced "The Constitution  
of Islamic Republic  
of Pakistan 1973."

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On the same day Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took  
oath as PM & Fazal Illahi took oath  
as President of Pakistan.

↳ Parliamentary → Bicameral <sup>Senate</sup>  
↳ suspended twice by military coups led  
by Gen Zia-ul-Haq (1977-1988) & Gen Musharraf  
(1999-2002). <sup>NA</sup>

↳ 26 Amendments →

Technically 23 Amendments.  
When amendment passed from one house but  
not by other → num counted by  
amendment doesn't become law.

