

**Message of Mr. Mamnoon Hussain**  
**President Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

(On death anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad  
Ali Jinnah 11 Sep, 2017)

September 11 is the day when we pay homage to the memory of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah as well as affirm our commitment to those principles of democracy, constitutionalism and egalitarianism that Father of the nation propagated throughout his life. Today is the day of reflection. We need to pause and reflect as to how far we have succeeded in pursuing the path shown by our Quaid. Equally important is to ponder over our shortcomings and failures.

Quaid-i-Azam possessed a high degree of uprightness, honesty, integrity, courage and conviction. He never compromised on his principles nor allowed expediency to influence his judgments. These pre-eminent attributes endowed him with clarity of vision and steadfastness that enabled him to withstand heavy odds and carve an independent state for the Muslims of the sub-continent.

The need to follow the principles of 'Unity, Faith & Discipline' was never as great as it is today. Faced with various challenges including the threat from the militant mindset, economic challenges and poverty we need to follow in letter and spirit the principles of our great leader.

Pakistan was envisaged to be a country where there would be social justice and economic opportunities for all. We therefore also need to adopt policies that promote social justice and economic opportunities for all. Our people have a long history of struggle for achievement of the objectives for which Pakistan was created.

On his death anniversary the best way to pay homage to the Quaid is to reiterate our adherence to those principles that were pursued by our great leader. Let us on this day resolve to stand united in confronting all challenges that we face and once again make a pledge that we will make Pakistan a country where there will be rule of law, respect for human rights and economic opportunities for all.

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