

Seminar on

Current Challenges of Pakistan & Vision of Quaid-e-Azam

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The research think tank MUSLIM Institute organized a seminar titled “Current Challenges of Pakistan and Vision of Quaid-e-Azam” in collaboration with IRD, International Islamic University, Islamabad. Federal Minister for Kashmir, Gilgit and Baltistan, Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir was the chief guest on the occasion. Renowned scholars, researchers, ambassadors and professors also participated and expressed their views in the seminar.



Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed

Executive Director Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue & Vice President IIUI

Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed, Executive Director Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue & Vice President IIUI, welcomed the participants. He said that we have made significant progress in every sector of economy since creation of Pakistan; yet we have to achieve many milestones to reach the destination of Islamic welfare state as envisioned by our great leader and founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.



Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir

Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan

Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir, Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan said that the best way to commemorate and pay homage to personalities like Quaid e Azam is to highlight his thoughts and views, to promote the same and to make our young generation aware of the same to follow for their better future and also for bright future of our dear homeland. The Quaid envisaged a prosperous Pakistan and a welfare state for masses. Unfortunately we have deviated from that vision because we did not follow his golden principles of Unity, Faith and Discipline. This nation has faced all sorts of challenges before and after independence. It can still tackle any challenge with its devotion and dedication. We should learn self-reliance as this would liberate us from dependence on others. If we can get freedom without any external help, why can't we achieve progress and prosperity without the same? Being a Muslim, we should have strong faith in Allah. After that we should dedicate all energies to make our country strong, developed and prosperous. The Quaid has taught us hard work. We all know that when his sister asked him reason for working late at night, he replied "if I don't work hard how I would become a successful man". If we don't work hard with dedication, if we don't make sacrifices, how can we become a great and successful nation? Our great Quaid sacrificed his comfort, his health and finally his life for us. He dedicated each moment of his life to the cause of Pakistan. It is our duty and obligation to follow his vision to make Pakistan truly the state that he wanted it to be, make it a welfare state, a strong state that commands respect among other states in the world.



S. H Qadri

Research Associate MUSLIM Institute

S. H Qadri, Research Associate MUSLIM Institute, made a presentation and analyzed speech of Quaid-e-Azam delivered to the Legislative Assembly on 11th August, 1947. Quaid based his vision upon the six points of Meesaq-e-Madina (Madina Charter). These six points were: mechanism of peace restoration, judicial system, welfare system, equality of rights and duties, unity and solidarity and religious freedom. Quaid emphasized that such a mechanism should be developed in the country that people can raise voice against cruelty and injustice. He said that there should be no nepotism, favoritism and unjust treatment. He urged upon equal distribution of rights and duties, unity and solidarity and religious freedom. For instance, he said, you are free to go to your temple, mosque or any other place of worship; you may belong to any religion or caste; it has nothing to do with business of the state as has been mentioned in clauses 25, 44 and 45 in Meesaq-e-Madina. He had the vision to make the constitution of Pakistan based upon Islamic principles of social, economic and political justice to make Pakistan a truly Islamic welfare state and also to show the world that golden principles taught by the Holy Prophet (SAW) fourteen hundred years ago are still relevant for peace and progress of a nation as well as the whole world.



Dr. Ahmad Yousif A. Al-Draiweesh

President Islamic International University, Islamabad

Dr. Ahmad Yousif A. Al-Draiweesh, President International Islamic University (IIUI), Islamabad, in his presidential address highlighted the importance of Quaid Day not only for Pakistan but also for Muslim world. He appreciated the efforts of MUSLIM Institute and Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue for arranging such an interactive and scholarly event with experts, professors and scholars. He said that Muslims in the world cannot make progress in the world until they understand and implement the vision of Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal.



Dr. Noor Fatima

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Dr. Noor Fatima, Chair Person of department of Politics and International Relations, IIUI, underscored the need for vibrant role of women in transforming Pakistan into the kind of state envisaged by Quaid e Azam as Muslim women played an active role in freedom movement of Pakistan. She mentioned that Quaid also gave equal importance to women in every walk of life. She highlighted the vital role of our great mother Fatima Jinnah to support her brother in freedom struggle and to bring Muslim women under one flag to contribute in struggle for Pakistan alongside men.

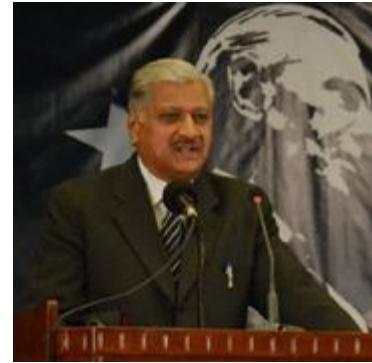




Rana Abdul Baqi

Columnist & Chief Editor South Asian Pulse

Rana Abdul Baqi, Columnist & Chief Editor South Asian Pulse said that there was no discrepancy in words and deeds of our Quaid. After great Mughal emperor Aurangzeb Alamgir, Quaid was the only great leader who brought Muslims out of darkness and won freedom for them. Our beloved Quaid had utmost respect and love for Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW). He always described Islam as a complete code of life but some people portray secular picture of Quaid-e-Azam. In one address, he said, "Hands off communists, Islam is our complete guide and we do not want socialism and communism". While addressing employees of State Bank of Pakistan, he said that we have to develop such a financial and banking system that would promote equitable distribution of resources and reduce the widening gap between the rich and the poor. Now it is our obligation to take immediate steps to put his vision into reality to tackle challenges facing us.



Asif Eizdi

Columnist and Former Ambassador

Asif Eizdi, Columnist and Former Ambassador informed that at the time of partition, Lord Mountbatten asked Quaid-e-Azam to implement the same judicial system in Pakistan as developed by Mughal emperor, Akbar. However, Quaid-e Azam replied that we had derived the complete code of life and judicial system form Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) instead from anyone else. In present scenario, we should find solutions to problems in Tribal Areas as well as Kashmir dispute in the light of his vision. However, our so-called liberals say that Quaid believed in secularism; they forget that he believed in Islamic values and principles and wanted implementation of the same in Pakistan.



Kanwar Dilshad

Former Secretary of Election Commission

Kanwar Dilshad, Former Secretary of Election Commission said that some people call our great Quaid as Jinnah instead of his title, Quid-e-Azam. We should educate them to call his name in a respectful manner. Some institutions are also showing that he was of secular mind. We have also left the cause of Junagadh State as highlighted by Quaid-e-Azam.



Akram Zaki

Former Secretary General for Foreign Affairs

Akram Zaki, Former Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, pointed out that Quaid-e-Azam had so much respect for law and believed in peaceful struggle for political and other causes. However, we like to violate laws and our leaders never stop at red light. Quaid believed in truth but we love to tell a lie for self-interest. We need his picture not only on currency notes but also in our hearts to understand his vision. Quaid-e-Azam emphasized the strategic importance of Kashmir. Our water reservoirs depend upon the water flowing down through Kashmir Rivers. Quaid-e-Azam was of the view that Muslims cannot progress in united Hindustan because landlords were supporting British rule and rights of poor masses were at stake. If Quaid had been alive, he would have eliminated feudal system and implemented land reforms. He also believed in equal rights for women in every field but we have not appreciated their equal role in the system. He desired such a society where rights of people were protected through social justice. However, we have not implemented social justice.



Sahibzada Sultan Ahmed Ali

Chairman MUSLIM Institute

Sahibzada Sultan Ahmed Ali, Chairman MUSLIM Institute, thanked honorable chief guest, distinguished speakers and respected guests. He further stated that our Quaid wanted implementation of Islam's golden principles like justice, equality, rule of law and social welfare so that Pakistan emerges as true Islamic welfare state. However, we have, regrettably, deviated from the same and got entangled in issues that have derailed the nation from path of progress and prosperity that Quaid wanted Pakistan to achieve. He concluded that following Quaid's vision is the only solution to all our problems.





Participants from different walks of life including HoD, International Relations in National Defense University Dr. Muhammad Khan, Former Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology Dr. Khalid Masood, Brigadier (R) Muhammad Talha, Former Ambassador & HoD International Relations in NUML University Dr. Anwar Shadani, Former Secretary Social Welfare & Special Education Dr. Aleem Mehmood, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences IIUI Dr. Nabi Baksh Jumani, some diplomats and many others attended the seminar.





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