

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

(On the occasion of International Human Rights  
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It is a matter of pleasure that today we are celebrating International Human Rights Day with the resolve to promote and protect human rights at all levels. The day is a reminder to the democratically conscious citizens to reiterate their commitment individually and collectively to make renewed efforts to promote a culture of tolerance, respect for human rights, diversity and pluralism.

Pakistan is a responsible state fully cognizant of its international commitments and has ratified various conventions to uphold the supremacy of human rights. Human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and adopted by the United Nations in 1948 are rooted in the basic principles of Islam. Upholding human dignity, safeguarding human rights and ensuring human freedom and equality are fundamental principles of our religion.

The Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan guarantees freedom to its citizens regardless of their caste, colour or creed. The Government of Pakistan stands committed to protect and promote human rights and will continue making efforts to safeguard freedom, liberty, dignity and self-esteem of every citizen of the state. Cognizant of the need to accord greater attention towards protection of vulnerable and marginalized segments of society, the Government is endeavouring to put in place effective legal, economic and social frameworks. In this regard, I would like to commend the efforts of Ministry of Human Rights for its interventions with regard to protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Today, I call upon the relevant departments and organizations as well as each and every individual to come forward and play a role for the noble cause of human rights in the country. I commend the United Nations for observing this Day globally and also pay homage to all those organizations and individuals who are devoted to the cause of human rights. I hope that they will continue to pursue this important mission with renewed zeal and spirit. May Allah bless us in this noble cause-  
Ameen.

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