

Message from Dr. Arif Alvi
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
(On 142nd Birth Anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam- 25TH December 2018)

Today, we are celebrating 142nd birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It is an occasion for all of us to rejoice and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of democracy, egalitarianism, constitutionalism and rule of law which were upheld by our great leader throughout his life.

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah united the discordant Muslims of sub-continent, welded them into a nation and secured a separate and independent homeland for them where they could spend their lives in accordance with their own custom and their traditions. He steered the Muslim of sub-continent during the most tumultuous times and enabled them to withstand heavy odds and to achieve independence through a democratic struggle.

Quaid-e-Azam's vision and thoughts are as relevant today as they were seven decades ago. We need to follow his principles of "Unity, Faith and Discipline", wholeheartedly. By the grace of Allah Almighty our country has embarked upon the path to progress and development as envisioned by Father of the Nation. Today, we are not only paying homage to the memory of our great leader but also reaffirm our faith in his teachings. I urge the people of Pakistan to forge unity among their ranks in order to eradicate menaces of extremism, terrorism and corruption from our society.

On this day, let us also pledge that we shall work tirelessly individually as well as collectively, in the service of our great country, in line with the Quaid's vision.
