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Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said...

Do not forget that the armed forces are the servants of the people. You do not make national policy; it is we, the civilians, we decide these issues and it is your duty to carry out these tasks with which you are entrusted.



Rana Sanaullah's car crashes into tractor in Faisalabad

PML-N leader and former interior minister Rana Sanaullah's car crashed into a tractor-trolley on Saddhar Bypass near Faisalabad. As per details, the accident occurred when a tractor-trolley loaded with sugarcane crashed into PML-N leader Rana Sanaullah's vehicle due to fog. However, former interior minister Rana Sanaullah and his family members remained safe and left for Lahore to attend a party meeting.

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A Day of Double Delights: Celebrates Quaid-e-Azam's Legacy and Lights of Christmas

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December 25th, a day offers a unique blend of cultural, religious, and historical significance, making it a day of double delights for the people. The birth anniversary of Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah holds great importance in Pakistan. Known as the father of the nation, Jinnah played a pivotal role in the creation of Pakistan as an independent state for Muslims. His vision and unwavering determination laid the foundation of a country where people could practice their religion freely and live in harmony. Qaid-e-Azam's Birthday is not only a day of remembrance but also an opportunity to reflect upon his invaluable contributions to the nation. Muhammad Ali Jinnah was born on December 25th, 1876, in Karachi, which was then a part of the British Indian Empire. On this day, Pakistanis pay tribute to their national hero by organizing various events, including seminars, conferences, and exhibitions that highlight

Jinnah's political journey and achievements. The Pakistani flag hoisted, and people visit his tomb in Karachi to offer prayers and lay wreaths.

Quaid-e-Azam, meaning 'Great Leader', is the honorific title bestowed upon Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founding father of Pakistan. His birthday, on December 25th, coincides with the widely celebrated Christian festival of Christmas. By fusing these two special occasions, Pakistan can take a monumental step towards promoting interfaith harmony and national unity. Pakistan, a country with a rich cultural heritage and religious diversity, can lead the way in fostering understanding and harmony among its citizens by merging celebrations of various occasions,

Christmas Day will give Pakistani Christians a stronger sense of belonging and acceptance within their homeland. Christians have been an integral part of the Pakistani society, contributing significantly to its development, progress, and cultural fabric. By merging these celebrations, Pakistan acknowledges the importance of these citizens and their religious observances.

Moreover, merging the celebrations will also foster a sense of unity among Pakistanis, transcending religious boundaries. Quaid-e-Azam's Birthday represents a day of pride for all Pakistanis. It celebrates the birth of a visionary leader who envisioned a nation where people of different religions could live together with harmony. On the other hand, Christmas is a festival that symbolizes love, joy, and the spirit of giving. Merging the day, Pakistan can reinforce the ideals that its founding stood for while promoting the values of compassion, understanding, and tolerance.

Pakistan is country with diverse religious communities, each with unique ways of celebrating festivals. Furthermore, merging Quid-e-Azam's Birthday Christmas Day will provide opportunity for people of different faiths to come together and learn from each other's customs traditions. By merging these celebrations, people of Pakistan engage in various cultural activities, exchange greetings, and engage in dialogue that fosters mutual respect and understanding. This exchange of cultural practices will not only enrich

individuals but will also contribute to the social cohesion and unity among citizens. These two occasions will provide an excellent opportunity for people of different faiths to engage with one another and broaden their horizons.

By participating in each other's celebrations, individuals can gain a deeper understanding of another religion's customs, traditions, and practices. This exposure and engagement can break down barriers and foster respect and acceptance, promoting harmony and unity in multicultural societies like Pakistan. When people of diverse backgrounds come together, they bring with them a rich tapestry of customs and traditions. These celebrations allow individuals to appreciate and engage with a wide range of cultural practices. In the same vein, celebration of Qaid-e-Azam can introduce non-Muslims to the values and principles that guided the formation of Pakistan such as equality, justice, and religious.

In addition, these celebrations can enhance tourism and promote interfaith tourism within the country. Pakistan offers a treasure-tour of historical and religious sites, which can attract tourists from all over the world, regardless of their religious affiliations. By celebrating Qaid-e-Azam's Birthday and Christmas Day together, Pakistan will display its multiculturalism and religious diversity, making it a destination that values and respects pluralism.

Paying tribute to MAJ Jinnah Sonnet

Just as one is for justice and human rights
In society freedom movement's well-grid
Negate colonial shackles to disown frights
Norms mattered not only emotions did
As the Lincoln barrister led all 'n sundry
Harnessing their wishes emotions and dreams
Over long struggle for emancipation surely
United in discipline with faith no rims
Raison d'être Mandela's race equality
Quietly but greatly exhorting youth to rise
Unto rights he champions 'UN' with equity
Amidst ways for people to coveted prize
Indeed those iconic figures 'n maxims in history
Doubtless stay immortal for eternity!

— **Salahuddin Choudhry,**
Human rights activist and
Ex-diplomat admirer.

[In Memoriam an Ode to MA Jinnah, known to be the most powerful voice in the cause of Human Rights & Freedom of the Indo-Pak Sub-continent. He became Pakistan's First Governor General. ...Let's all pay homage to Jinnah Our Quaid' to commemorate his 147th Birth Anniversary]

mas Day. The Christian community in Pakistan, along with people from other religious backgrounds, gather to celebrate Christmas Day.

Churches are beautifully decorated with lights, and midnight crowds of people are join the event, filling the air with melodious carols and hymns. Families come together to exchange gifts and share traditional meals, spreading love and happiness throughout the day. The streets embellished with twinkling lights, and houses are decorated with Christmas trees, symbolizing the arrival of joy and hope. The infectious spirit of Christmas permeates the atmosphere, transcending religious boundaries and fostering a sense of unity and togetherness among all Palestinians. Interestingly, the convergence of these two celebrations brings about a remarkable display of unity in

Pakistan, being an Islamic nation, has sizeable Christian and other religious minority communities who actively participate in the festivities, blending their cultural and religious traditions with those of their Muslim brethren. Moreover, Qaid-e-Azam's Birthday is an occasion for self-reflection and introspection. It is a time for Pakistanis to evaluate the progress made in realizing Jinnah's vision of a democratic, tolerant, and prosperous nation. It serves as a reminder of the challenges that lie ahead and the collective responsibility to transform Pakistan into a thriving society that embodies the principles set forth by the country's founding father.

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