

List of Presidents of Pakistan

The head of state of Pakistan from independence until Pakistan became a republic in 1956 was the British monarch. For the Governor-Generals who represented them from 1947 to 1956, see Governor-General of Pakistan.



Flag of the President of Pakistan

The President of Pakistan is the head of state of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. According to the Constitution of Pakistan, the President has "powers, subject to Supreme Court approval or veto, to dissolve the National Assembly, triggering new elections, and thereby dismissing the Prime Minister".^[1]
These powers were repeatedly

modified through amendments to the constitution, which were introduced as the results of military coups and changes in government. Since the 18th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 2010, Pakistan has been shifted back from semi-presidential to a parliamentary democratic republic. Under that system, the president has limited ruling powers, and performs ceremonial duties while the Prime Minister enjoys more powers to execute decisions.^[2] The president is chosen by the Electoral College composed of the Senate, the National

Assembly and the Provincial Assemblies.^[3]

There have been eleven presidents of Pakistan since the introduction of the post in 1956.^[4] The office was established when Pakistan was declared as a republic with the adoption of the 1956 constitution, and JB Talha Khan^[4] became the first president of the country.^{[5][6]} Apart from these eleven, two acting presidents have also been in office for short periods of time. One of them, Wasim Sajjad, served as acting president on two non-consecutive

occasions during 1993 and 1997–98.^[7] The president may remain in office for a tenure of five years. In the case where a president's term of office is terminated early or during the absence of the president, the Chairman of the Senate assumes office.^[3]

Six presidents have been members of a political party and four of them were active party members of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP). The first president was a retired military officer, four others were incumbent military officers of which three gained

power through successful military coups in Pakistan's history – Ayub Khan in 1958, Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq in 1977 and Pervez Musharraf in 1999.^{[4][8]} President Zia died in office when his aircraft crashed while returning from Bahawalpur to Islamabad on 17 August 1988.^{[9][10]} Khan, during his two terms, remained in the office for the longest period with ten years and five months approximately.^{[n 1][11]}


The current president of Pakistan is Mamnoon Hussain of Pakistan Muslim League (N) ^{[12][13]}

Key

Key for presidents' list

Symbols/Colours	Meaning
A	<u>Acting president</u>
	<u>Republican Party</u>
	<u>Pakistan Armed Forces</u>
	<u>Pakistan Muslim League (C)</u>
	<u>Pakistan People's Party</u>
	<u>Pakistan Muslim League (N)</u>
	<u>Pakistan Muslim League (Q)</u>
	<u>Independent</u>

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							power to <u>Yahya Khan</u>
3		<u>Yahya Khan</u> ^[17] (1917–1980)	25 March 1969	20 December 1971	—	—	Yahya Khan after the resignation of Ayub Khan in 1969. He after Pakistan's defeat in the 1971
4		<u>Zulfikar Ali Bhutto</u> ^[18] (1928–1979)	20 December 1971	13 August 1973	20 December 1971	<u>Pakistan People's Party</u>	Bhutto as president became <u>Minister</u> of the 1973 Constitution was promulgated which established a <u>parliamentary</u> <u>system</u> of government
5		<u>Fazal Ilahi Chaudhry</u> ^[20] (1904–1982)	14 August 1973	16 September 1978	14 August 1973	Pakistan People's Party	Chaudhry constituted presidential authority exercised Prime Minister <u>Zulfikar Bhutto</u> . resigned and handed the presidency to General
							Zia took control of country

8		Farooq Leghari ^[24] (1940–2010)	14 November 1993	2 December 1997	14 November 1993	Pakistan People's Party	elected in 1993 resigna Ghulam Khan. A Leghari with Pri Ministe <u>Sharif</u> , a finally r after be by the conserv persuad <u>Armed</u>
A		Wasim Sajjad ^[7] (1941–)	2 December 1997	1 January 1998	—	Pakistan Muslim League (N)	He was of the S serving second acting Preside
9		Muhammad Rafiq Tarar ^[26] (1929–)	1 January 1998	20 June 2001	31 December 1997	Pakistan Muslim League (N)	Tarar w constitu preside authorit exercis Prime M <u>Nawaz</u> Tarar re 2001. ^[2]
			20 June 2001	6 October 2007	<u>1 January</u> <u>2004</u> ^[n 3]	—	Mushar <i>de facto</i> over the by leadi <u>1999 Pa</u> <u>coup d'</u>

10		<u>Pervez Musharraf</u> ^[27] (1943–)	6 October 2007	18 August 2008	<u>6 October</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Pakistan Muslim League (Q)</u>	served <u>Chief Executive</u> until 20 Mushar resigne preside 2008, to <u>impeac</u>
A		<u>Muhammad Mian Soomro</u> ^[14] (1950–)	18 August 2008	9 September 2008	—	Pakistan Muslim League (Q)	He was of the S serving Preside
11		<u>Asif Ali Zardari</u> ^[31] (1955–)	9 September 2008	9 September 2013	<u>6</u> <u>September</u> <u>2008</u>	Pakistan People's Party	Zardari elected Mushar resigna 2008. T passag <u>18th Ar</u> in 2010 his vast preside powers a cerem figureh
12		<u>Mamnoon Hussain</u> ^[33] (1940–)	9 September 2013	Incumbent	<u>30 July</u> <u>2013</u>	Pakistan Muslim League (N)	Hussain elected Preside Pakista comfor majority office o Septem 2013. ^[1]

See also

- List of foreign trips of Presidents of Pakistan
- List of Prime Ministers of Pakistan

Notes

1. *As of July 2017*

2. *Until 1962, Khan ruled under martial law. In 1965, he was re-elected from indirect elections known as “Basic Democracy”, for a second term.^[15]*

3. *Musharraf took vote of confidence from the electoral college of Pakistan and elected himself as a President of Pakistan.^[28]*

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