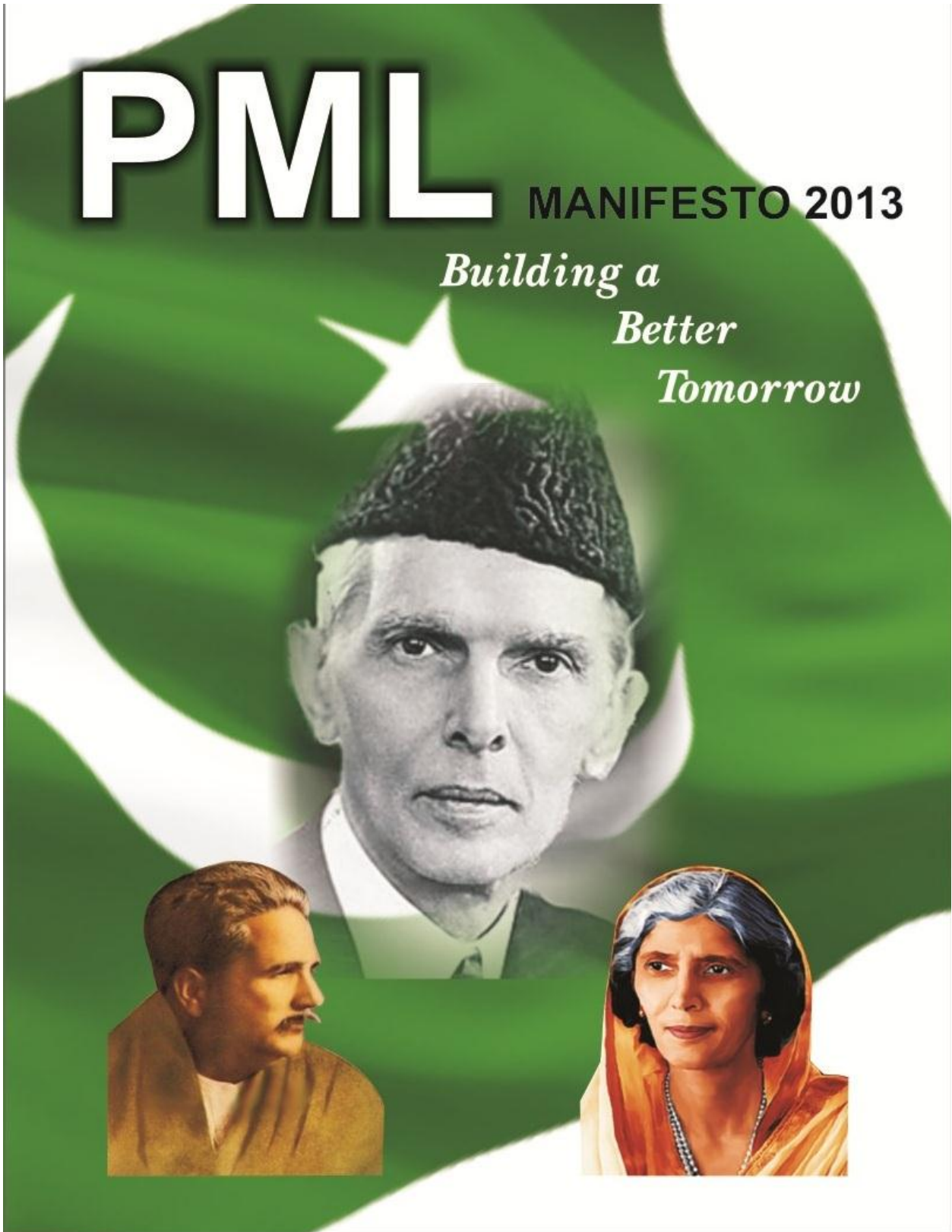
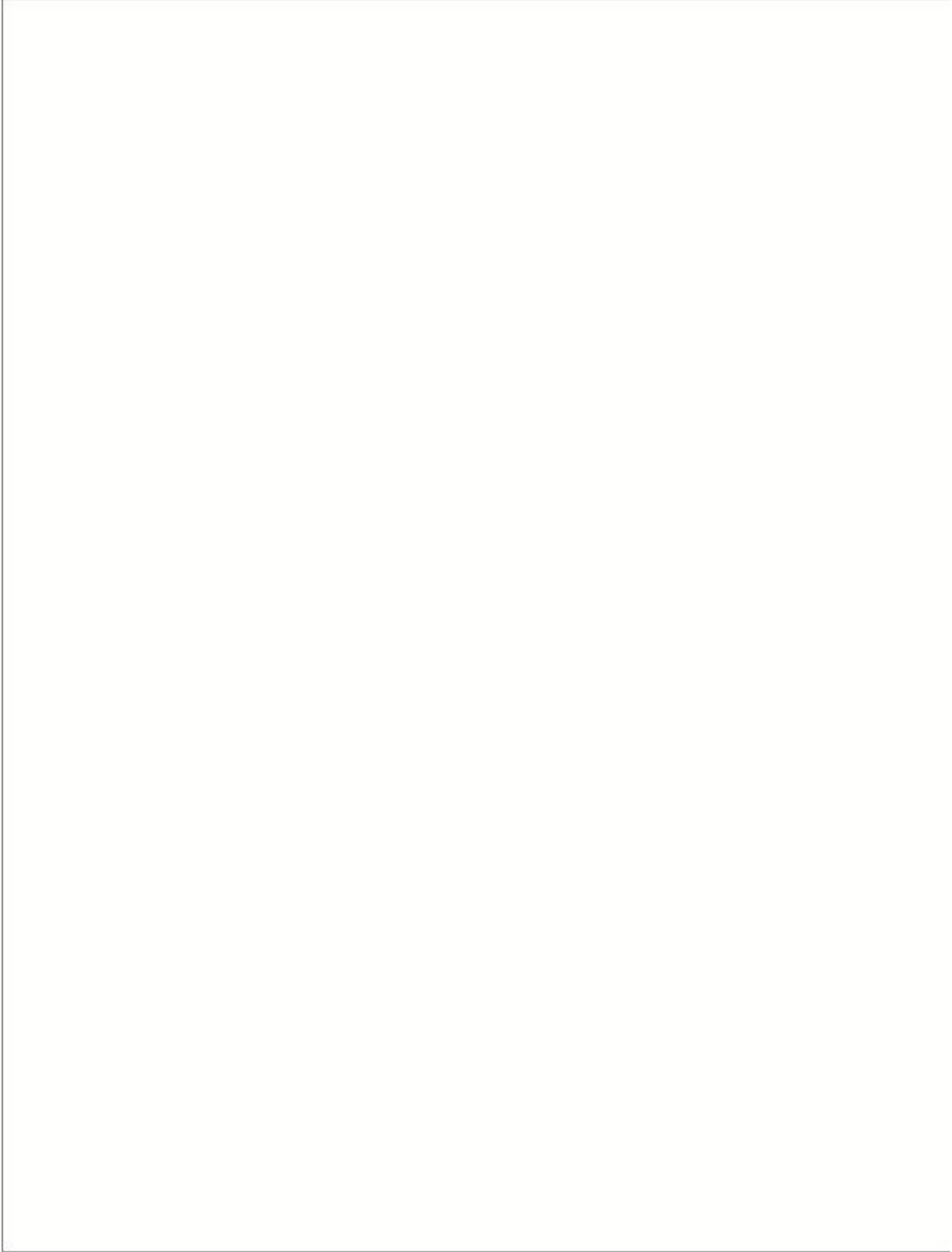


# PML

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*Building a  
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## PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE VISION

***Our VISION*** is guided by our Founder **Quaid\_e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**:

*“The Muslim League has won and established Pakistan  
and it is the Muslim League whose duty it is now  
as Custodian of the sacred trust,  
to construct Pakistan”*

Our VISION is shaped by Pakistan and Pakistan alone, the interests of Pakistan and its people always come first. Pakistan is paramount for us all, being the country created by the Muslim League under the outstanding leadership of the Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. As inheritors of the freedom struggle legacy, we are committed to promote the vision of our founding fathers, Quaid-i-Azam, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah. This vision includes the heroic efforts of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan to establish the Aligarh Muslim University.

Promoting pride in Pakistan, building a secure Pakistan, ensuring equity and justice, projecting history of its Freedom Movement and respect for its founding Fathers, providing dignity and equality of opportunity for all Pakistanis through upholding rule of law are cornerstone of our vision of a modern 21st Century Pakistan.



## PML MISSION STATEMENT

### The PML Democratic Political Culture:

As Quaid-i-Azam's designated custodian of Pakistan, PML's Mission is to build a democratic state which aims at "removing want and fear of all types and also secures liberty, fraternity and equality". Pakistan being the product of a democratic culture, under the Muslim League, led by Quaid-i-Azam, democracy is central to our politics.

- Core democratic values are the fundamental belief of the PML. These values are expressed in our commitments, politics and governance.
- During the electoral term (2008 to 2013) PML Leadership consensus building skills promoted an environment of consultation and dialogue; these were recognized in averting several attacks on Pakistan's fragile democracy.
- The consensus building role of its leadership is recognized as having buffeted democracy against political onslaughts, an example being the pivotal role of Pakistan Muslim League in leading the dialogue during the recent Long March in Islamabad. It testifies to the ability of its leaders to diffuse crises through negotiations. This culture of dialogue gives much confidence to the PML electorate and will in keeping with the Quaid's VISION strengthen the democratization of Pakistan.
- PML has consistently spoken out for an independent Election Commission. It has held the maximum of consultation meetings with the Election Commission. The PML Discussion Paper which outlined reforms was well received both by the Political Parties and Election Commission. The PML promoted the notion of a "Troika of Democracy": Parliament, Supreme Court and Election Commission of Pakistan.
- PML has addressed issues relating to free, fair and transparent elections both through its in-house subject committee and with civil society organizations.
- **For PML leadership the greatest asset is its rank and file worker.** The effort to promote a democratic culture within the party is an ongoing process. The Party Constitution is strictly followed and the structure evolves to meet changing needs.
- The culture which is embodied in Quaid's VISION gives PML a solid ideological base. example being PML recognition that a vibrant and free media is the sine qua non of democracy. During its government in 2002-2007 the Pakistan Muslim League enabled a media revolution. Further, the PML government in full respect of federating units and particularly mindful of the complex Balochistan situation prepared a special Report with the stakeholders and was accepted by them for bringing peace to the troubled province. It is PML that gave the notion of "strong provinces mean a strong Pakistan", and on its insistence the 2005 NFC Award was based not only on population but on such other factors as level of development as well as backwardness.



## PML MISSION STATEMENT

### Strengthening Democracy through Devolution:

The PML is the architect of devolution of powers in Pakistan; this reflects its belief that decentralization is the key to governance. The PML believes that strong provinces are a strong Pakistan. PML recognizes:

- Local government is the third constitutional tier of government.
- **For PML it is imperative that Local Governments are established as a regular feature of a functioning democracy.**
- Political, financial and administrative responsibility and authority will be devolved to the elected bodies.
- **Local Bodies elections will be held after the General Elections, preferably within 100 days. The last local government elections were held during the PML tenure in 2005.**
- Open Forums are held on a regular basis at the local level for public feedback to the provincial and federal government. A mechanism will be devised to receive and respond to concerns and suggestions received from the public.
- A major task of local governments is interaction between the citizen and government. Therefore the District Governments will be participatory in nature so that youth, women and peasants participate in nation building at the planning and programming stage of local nation building.

### PMLs Democratic Culture:

- A modern democratic welfare state. ■ Decency, tolerance and harmony
- Reshaping governance, rebuilding public services. ■ Dignity of the common citizen
- Ensuring social justice and freedom of expression. ■ Respect for family values
- Protection and promotion of rights of the female population and providing freedom from fear and oppression. ■ Opposing hypocrisy and double standards.
- Protection of the rights of minorities. ■ Abolition of all forms of torture
- Promoting human rights and respect for the rule of law. ■ Strengthening judiciary.

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## OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES

The Pakistan Muslim League (PML) is fully cognizant of the social, economic, cultural, political and national security issues Pakistan is facing at present.

PML also respects people's opinion and endeavour to address their expectations, problems and concerns in a constructive and practical manner. The PML declares the following areas as its National Priorities, in the next five years;

### THE PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE PLEDGES TO:

**EXTREMISM** to be combated and terrorism eliminated

**EDUCATION** for All

**ENERGY** better management

**EMPLOYMENT** for youth

**EMPOWERMENT** of women

**ECONOMY** revival to reduce poverty, curbing inflation

**ELIMINATING** corruption



## THE PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE PLEDGES TO

### Seize The Opportunities:

- To strengthen democratic values, through a human rights agenda which is inclusive and promotes a just, tolerant & pluralistic Pakistan.
- The PML shall develop an enterprise culture which develops skills, supports workers and creates jobs.
- Agriculture is the base of our economy and the PML will take all appropriate steps to increase agricultural produce, to develop food self-sufficiency and to promote high value products for export.
- Education, PML's top priority, is central to building a modern developed society and will seek to ensure free and universal primary education.
- To ensure the fair and equitable distribution of the nations wealth and prosperity to every citizen especially the marginalized and poor.
- To strive for good governance with focus on effective implementation and service delivery. A system for weeding out non-performers will be put in place.
- It is recognized we are not energy deficient and the energy crisis is due to mismanagement and corruption. PML commits to a political will which delivers the energy needs of the nation.
- PML commits to combating corruption which has spread like cancer in our society and will punish those who loot and plunder.



## EDUCATION FOR ALL

PML was instrumental in inclusion of the right to education in the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional amendment. The EFA Global Monitoring Report places Pakistan in the high risk group with the world's second highest number of children upto 5.1 million, with two-third of them being girls. **PML commits to a paradigm shift which universalizes primary education as a human right.**

### The PML will pursue a National Education Policy which will:

- Actively engage in closing the education gender gap and through behavior change communication make educating a girl an acceptable social norm.
- Raise the financial allocation to the level given in the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act.
- Through equity based targets, improve affordability & accessibility, give focus to the marginalized & create a sustainable education system.
- Develop online learning, virtual classrooms and electronic training centres.
- Create an enabling environment for private schools

### PML is committed to the following objectives in the education sector:

- As recorded by PML in the Constitutional 18th Amendment, standardization of education curriculum, examination system and higher education shall be a subject of the Federal Legislative List.
- Drawing on the success of the Punjab free schooling innovation during 2002-2007, all efforts shall be made to enforce the fundamental right of free and compulsory education for children age 5 - 16 in all provinces.
- Vocational and Technical education shall be introduced in the technical stream of education from 8th Class.
- Establishment of Technical and Vocational Training Institute at district and tehsil level with special focus on women and girls in backward areas.
- Improvement in status of teachers would be ensured by increasing salaries, teacher training, capacity building for required expertise, incentives, bonuses, health insurance, awards etc.
- Establishment of Public Libraries at the district and tehsil level.





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- Revive National Teacher's Day launched by PML government in 2005.
- Strengthen the educational system in Madrassas by diversification of the curriculum.
- Sports, arts and music will be introduced through public- private partnership in government schools on an incremental basis.
- The Higher Education Commission (HEC) shall be made fully autonomous. The securing of higher education scholarships in foreign universities shall continue to be an HEC function. Efforts to obtain scholarships in the emerging sciences of informatics, advanced medicine, climate change and environment studies and those that improve the skills of the physically challenged.



## ECONOMY, TAX REFORM, INFLATION AND POVERTY

Pakistan's perilous economic system is currently hostage to terrorism, corruption, extremism and a dysfunctional government. PML regretting the situation recall its unprecedented performance during its 2002- 2007 period whereby amongst numerous others the:

- Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which was \$ 63 billion in 1999, was reached \$ 162 billion, growing at an average of 7%.
- Per capita income was increased from \$ 435 to \$ 925.
- Revenue collection, which was at around Rs.300 billion in 1999, crossed a record Rs.1 trillion, creating more fiscal space for development expenditures.
- Public Sector Development Program (PSDP), which remained around Rs.80 billion during the 1988-99 period, reached Rs.520 billion.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which was around \$ 300 million in 1999, was peaked to \$ 6.5 billion.
- Remittances were at a record of \$ 5.5 billion.
- Exports rose from \$ 9 billion to \$ 17 billion.
- Foreign Exchange reserves were \$ 16 billion.
- Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE) index rose to 14,000 points from 1000 points in 1999.
- Punjab Industrial Estate Development and Management Company was established.
- Industrial Estate of international standards over 1608 acres of land at Sunder near Lahore was established.
- Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company was established.

Given the dangerous current economic situation, PML makes a commitment and gives assurance of its ability and political will to rescue the situation.



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### PML Commits:-

#### Economy:

- The rate of economic growth of the preceding PML period has been halved in the last five years. PML will strive to achieve 6% GDP growth rate in the first year of its government.
- Provide the full energy needs of an expanding industrial sector through maximum exploitation of domestic sources of energy namely coal, gas and hydro to reduce the country's dependence on imported energy, combined with measure for the conservation of energy and more efficient use of energy.
- For the revival of industrial growth develop Industrial Estates, equipped with electricity, gas, telephone, and sewerage system, especially in backward areas and along the highways. Multinational companies with expertise in the field will be invited to develop infrastructure facilities in collaboration with local companies.
- Streamline the procedure for industrial sanctions and other facilities required in line with the principle of "one window facility".
- Improve the system of industrial credit and enable land owners to borrow funds on the basis of the market value of agricultural land and rural property.
- PML will on a graduated basis introduce Islamic Banking and Finance which whilst avoiding riba is based on rational economic principles and flows from a Fiscal Policy of distributive justice. This shift of business to equity financing gives opportunity to utilize savings productively and access finance through leasing and hire purchase. Successful approaches such as, musharaka, mudaraba, shirkah tried in Pakistan and in Malaysia, Indonesia and Middle East countries will be examined and viable set of options introduced.
- Computerization of urban land record and periodic re-valuation of urban land value to ensure proper recovery of property related taxes & duties.
- Introduce policy frame-work to restructure Privatization Commission and Board of Investment to create and attract more foreign investment in public and private sectors.
- Resource rich Pakistan must not continue to be poor. PML will work for the utilization of our indigenous resources. Amongst others, it has one of the largest untapped copper & other minerals and , the second largest world coal reserves.
- The losses of PSEs are in the range of Rs.400 billion each year. The inefficiency of PSEs is choking our economy and bailouts draining resources. Therefore aggressive action will be taken on an urgent basis to re-structure PSE's such as, PIA, Steel Mills, and Railways, failing which the feasibility for privatization will be examined.
- Pakistan currently having some 100 million cellular subscribers, phone manufacturing facilities will be established.



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### Poverty:

- PML will focus on sustainable growth to ensure the growing economy benefits are fast tracked to reach the poor.
- **A National Commission on Poverty will be established** through legislation. The Commission will synergies all poverty related interventions, work on distributive justice initiatives, give focus to sustainable development and formulate poverty reduction policies.
- MDG's are Pakistan commitment to reducing poverty promoting human development and sustainable growth. Due to natural and manmade disasters Pakistan is far behind in achieving the goals set by 2015. PML recognizes MDG's as an affordable and feasible tool for addressing human security issues particularly of women, children and the vulnerable. PML fully supports that the strategy be re energized and the roll forward Post 2015 of the existing eight goals with the assurance that the momentum is not lost nor political will weakened.

### Tax Reform Measures:-

- Tax to GDP ratio at under 9% is one of the lowest in the world. Thus by definition leaves little space for investment in such sectors as education, health, infrastructure.
- PML will prepare a robust intervention **Tax Reforms strategy** which widens the tax net and plugs loopholes in the tax base The strategy will put in place a practical & effective mechanism for direct taxation recovery, a system to curb tax evasion and criminalize tax defaulters.
- Extend the tax net.
- Revised the tax system so that tax slabs and rates are rationalized.
- FBR shall be revamped by placing professionals and experts with performance indicators and collection tasks; In addition efforts will be made to eliminate all corrupt and unethical practices from FBR through proper governance and an accountability program;
- Eliminate exemptions through SROs that only benefit special interest groups;
- **E Government** is recognized by PML as a powerful tool for good governance. It will be **introduced with a time bound Master Plan in FBR and other economic ministries** in the next five years.

### Inflation:

Inflation which during the last 5years has remained in double digits has affects on all sectors and commodities. Prices of daily consumption items have reached unacceptable levels, wheat, flour; mutton and fresh milk are approximately 114% higher than the PML period of 2003-2007



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### PML will ensure:

- Availability of essential commodities at controlled prices shall be ensured through Utility Stores, the network of which will be expanded.
- All type of cartels in relation to food items shall be declared a crime against the state and Competition Commission of Pakistan shall be given powers to arrest the responsible;
- Price Control Authority shall be revamped through proper amendment in law and made responsible and accountable for any disparity in prices and exploitation;
- Law shall be introduced for all state owned and private sector manufacturing, sales and marketing companies of essential food items in order to monitor fixation and increase of prices of products by them.
- Monetary policy of SBP shall be revised to control and prevent inflation.
- Bank rate policy, cash reserve ratio and open market operations shall be rationalized.
- Fiscal measures such as taxation, government expenditure and public borrowing shall be adopted.
- Export of essential commodities and import duties shall be rationalized to control inflation.



## ELIMINATING TERRORISM & ADDRESSING EXTREMISM

**“If anyone kills one person, it would be as if he killed humanity” Surah al-Ma’eda, Verse 32”**

Extremism transcending into terrorism including transnational terrorism is one of the greatest threats to domestic & regional security. This threat is partly the fallout of developments in the region notably Afghanistan, as well as indigenously generated extremism.

**PML** strongly condemns extremism which in turn generates militancy and terrorism. Too many innocent lives have been lost and the senseless killings must stop.

**PML** on a priority basis will:

- Put in place an effective **Counter Terror Strategy through a lead organization based in the Prime Minister’s Secretariat**. It will include a special team of dedicated professionals include those from the civil bureaucracy, the armed forces, intelligence agencies, psychologists, religious scholars and political scientists as well as experts in DNA, forensic sciences. The Counter Terror Strategy will include inputs from the provinces and there is a need to dedicate the special branch of police in the provinces to counter terrorism and provide for the coordination with the centre. Professional law enforcement at the local level is vital.
- Establish a witness protection programme to pursue vigorous prosecution via protection of key witnesses.
- Media, especially the electronic media will amongst others mobilize youth & religious scholars to advocate the counter narrative against extremism based on Islamic teachings of peace & harmony.
- **PML** will balance its approach is countering militant extremism which establishes the writ of government and protects both security of life and human rights. All prosecution and conviction will be done through established legal procedure.
- **PML** will as a policy actively reject terrorism being attributed to any religion, nationality, civilization or justified in its name.
- **PML** recognizes that terrorism is bred in part by lack of democracy and pluralism. It is a scourge which is best eradicated by addressing the political context that has caused it.
- **PML** believes there is no military solution to fight terrorism, nor any military deterrent to prevent it.



## AGGRESSIVE ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The PML shall declare present and future energy needs of Pakistan as **Our Top Priority**.

All available resources shall be focussed, invested and exploited to make Pakistan an energy efficient country in the next 5 years. **A Ministry of Energy will be created** so that the power sector is dealt with in an integrated manner and is optimized for energy security.

### All efforts shall be deployed to achieve the following tasks:

- Emergency measures shall be taken to curtail electricity load-shedding and through realistic measures in respect of circular debt. Currently, PSO the retailer has payables of Rs. 300-400 billion from power companies. Wapda in turn is inefficient and unable to get the consumer to pay. PML will ensure a one-off settlement by government of the circular debt and thereafter ensure there is no slippages in the power supply chain required cash flow.
- PML will through public-private partnership reverse water endowed Pakistan to hydroelectricity through a long-term water reservoir plan for electricity including run of the river dams and smaller dams in mountainous areas. Further, development of Thar Coal will be fast tracked for cheaper electricity through Thar low ash, low-sulfur lignite coal-fired Thermal Power Stations.
- Solar and wind energy solutions and projects shall be introduced, installed and executed.
- To improve management appointments at all levels, especially in power distribution companies, will be strictly merit based with reliance on professionals.
- All efforts shall be made to formulate effective operational strategies to control line losses which stand at almost Rs. 100 billion in a financial year. And take immediate actions and to recover outstanding electricity bills of almost Rs.1 Trillion from Government Departments. Strategies shall be implemented to prevent future default in payment of utility bills by the government institutions and departments.
- Immediate steps shall be taken to maximize existing power generation capacity to reduce load-shedding and explore all avenues of enhancing generation capacity to overcome load-shedding within one year.
- Establishing new power projects, and initiation of building of new dams in consensus with other provinces;
- Restructuring of WAPDA would be expedited to improve the efficiency of power generation, transmission and distribution;
- A commercially viable power tariff structure shall be developed that protects the weaker sections of society from unbridled increase in utility rates and yet generates enough resources for future investment;
- Natural Gas supply shall be ensured to meet domestic, commercial and industrial needs by



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exploring local resources and through international procurement by completion of pending projects.

- Nuclear power program will be expanded.
- In the oil and coal sector, encourage local private sector in extraction through joint ventures with foreign companies.
- Uninterrupted supply of all type of fuel at compatible prices shall be ensured through proper legislative measures and effective administrative control.





## EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

The Pakistan Movement would not have been a success without the contribution of women, especially the sister of the Quaid-i-Azam, Madar-i-Millat Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah. As clearly demonstrated by Quaid-i-Azam who enjoined his sister to leave her dentistry profession and stand beside him, because it was his conviction that without the role of women, Pakistan would not have been achieved. Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah was not only a pillar of strength to her beloved brother the Quaid, but true to his dream of a democratic Pakistan, under the banner of the Muslim League she took on a military dictator. The PML will promote Madar-i-Millat as a role model for Pakistani women, so that they can be inspired to contribute to society equally with men.

Women's rights would be protected, restored, strengthened and promoted on every level. The PML strongly believes that no meaningful national development can be achieved without the full participation of women in nation building. Empowerment of women has a multiplier effect on the family and the whole nation.

### Political Participation:

- PML's commitment to gender equity, equality & justice, gender will be incorporated in all Party Policies.
- Recognizing political parties are the main vehicle for promoting women's political representation, PML will encourage, nurture & incorporate the role of women in influencing the political process from the grassroots to national level.

### Social Justice:

- PML will promote social justice by formulating women specific policies which address concerns, such as, women in conflict, women headed households, rural women & land rights. In pursuance of PML's Manifesto women discriminatory laws have been removed from the statute books and unislamic customary practices against women & girls, such as karo kari, vani, swara have been criminalized through law. Whilst PML recognizes this as an achievement, it is committed to prioritizing the need to determine ways & means for the implementation of women protection laws which ensure its impact on the lives of women & girls.
- PML's policy is a firm "no to violence" against women and girls. We will actively work as an advocate for behavior change and on an immediate basis, move enactment of all pending legislation to protect women victims.
- For speedy justice it will prepare a **Speedy Justice Action Plan** to ensure the phasing out and abolition of longstanding litigation, especially cases involving property and family disputes, seeking their resolution within a specified time frame.
- Bilateral Treaties shall be signed to prevent forced and child marriages of overseas Pakistanis girls.



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- **Women Protection Centers** shall be established for destitute, old aged and displaced women in all major cities

### Women Health:

- **PML** condemns that too many millions of lives are lost each year due to excessive maternal mortality, infant & child mortality. Therefore in recognition that safe motherhood and child survival are central to human development it has been placed high in the **PML** National Health Policy.
- **PML** believes saving the lives of mothers and children is a political issue, not a technical problem, because these deaths are preventable. Therefore it commits to advancing maternal & child health programmes so that (i) every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe & every child borne survives.(ii) that efforts will be made to universalize high impact interventions through a skilled birth attendant in every Union Council. (iii) Delivery of a life saving mother & child care package through the frontline Lady Health Workers platform.



## ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION

Corruption issues are endemic, pervasive and deeply entrenched. Regrettably it is also reported that Pakistan's corruption is "upstream" and therefore results in flight of capital. Pakistan ranking at 139th in the community of nations on the scale of corruption free governance is totally unacceptable to PML. Corruption is recognized as one of the main obstacles to development and causes of poverty. PML's commitment to the nation is to fight against corruption. In this regard:

- The PML primary focus is on eliminating the large scale institutional corruption in the State controlled/owned institutions, organizations, Departments and agencies. Services of experts shall be engaged to identify loopholes in systems and put in place strict controls and monitoring systems in state owned organizations and institutions.
- Anti-Corruption Task Force shall be constituted at federal and provincial levels. The mandate will be to emphasize on measures that prevent corruption. The institution will work independently and systematically.
- Periodical and random third party audits shall be conducted to expose white collar crimes within state owned organizations and institutions.
- Public procurement and bidding processes (PPRA) of government projects shall be open and accessible for public verification.
- Offering or receiving of bribery or any gratification shall be declared a cognizable offence. Standard and transparent criteria, of appointment at key posts of State owned organizations, institutions and departments shall be defined through proper legislation.
- Awareness programs shall be organized for staff in middle and lower management staff in government sector institutions and department. Programmes will cover public rights, procedures and consequences of un-ethical and corrupt practices.
- Effective financial controls shall be placed in government organization and departments to monitor and identify corrupt practices.
- The Freedom of Information Act shall be liberalized and fully enforced so as to bring about a change in the behavior and attitude of government functionaries.
- The Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly is one of the most effective Constitutional mechanisms for oversight of public sector corruption in its many forms. PML will ensure PAC is strengthened in its mandate and work methods. Most importantly, PML will ensure it is authorized to suo moto address any current complaint of corruption in addition to receiving Audit Reports.

A Central Vigilance Commission ("CVC") shall be constituted to create more awareness among people regarding consequences of giving and taking of bribes and corruption.

Anti-Corruption Court procedures and legal frame work shall be amended to expedite trial and



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conclusion of corruption cases.

- An Anti-Corruption hotline in cooperation with the media will be established in the secretariats of the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers to report, expose and document cases of corruption.



## YOUTH AND EMPLOYMENT

Due to Pakistan's hard earned demographic transition the youth generation is the largest ever, this is become a demographic dividend by making these young people an engine of growth. The facts are to the contrary. Youth unemployment, including educated unemployed has reached volcanic proportions and its volatility stokes extremism, crime and drugs: It is estimated an additional 36 million new jobs will be needed in just 10 years. The existing skill deficit leaves young people unemployable or trapped in subsistence work.

**PML** will formulate a **Youth Employment Strategy** which will have multiple learning pathways which focus on skill development and functional literacy. Priority attention will be given to

- **Preparation of an Education Plan for Skills and Employability.**
- Education will not be purely academic and made more realistic by integration of technical & vocational education into the technical school stream.
- Skills supply will be matched with market demand through public/ private partnership.
- The potential of information technology will be harnessed to enhance opportunities for young people.
- Job related affordable higher education opportunities shall be provided to youth.
- Equal employment opportunities shall be created through industrial revival and by rationalizing and restructuring of employment policies in government departments.
- Employment procedures in government institutions shall be made more transparent and only merit based appointment shall be made.
- Self employment scheme on equal opportunity basis be launched to facilitate all age groups.



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### **PML shall:**

- Provide affordable and international standard educational opportunities for youth by public private partnership, affiliation and collaboration with foreign universities.
- Ensure posting of Foreign Scholarship offered to Pakistan immediately on Higher Education Commission's website to allow open competition among deserving students.
- Launch constituency-wise annual college scholarship and award program across Pakistan for students who secure highest scores in matriculation examination.
- Bring legislation to create opportunities of on campus jobs/part-time jobs in local industry and private companies for college and university students to support their expenses and reduce financial burden on parents.
- Declare provision of sports facilities in educational institutions compulsory.
- Launch anti-addiction campaign for youth.
- Provide free computer and internet facilities in public libraries.
- Encourage participation of youth in parliament through Youth Parliament at the level of Center and Provinces.
- Organize a National Student Summit every summer in Islamabad and provincial capitals to provide incentives for bright boys & girls inviting Pakistani students studying abroad to share experiences.
- Encourage public - private partnership in establishing and running summer camps for youth and students to build inter-provincial harmony.



## HEALTH

### The PML shall take all steps and ensure:

- Pakistan stands as a country with some of the worst health indicators. The expanded private role is mostly in provision of advanced tertiary level curative services. The heavy burden of disease therefore continues to carry a high cost in Pakistan.
- PML will focus on the neglected public health sector with specific attention to environment hygiene, uncontaminated food and safe drinking water.
- That the moral imperative of addressing infant mortality and the vulnerability of infants through the nationwide Immunization Programme, including Polio will be strengthened by i) An advocacy campaign for Polio free Pakistan including removing rumours and myths ii) creating synergies in the Provinces between preventive and curative health services.
- PML's initiative in Punjab of **Rescue 1122**, being a high need public service received overwhelming appreciation and **will be extended throughout the country** down to district level in the five years.
- Every public and private sector hospital will be required to ensure its waste management system, especially syringes and used needles, is in place and meets WHO standards.
- Facilities for free diabetes, Blood Pressure and Urine Tests shall be provided at all major Government Hospitals.
- Provision of clean drinking water for rural and remote areas.
- Hepatitis C has assumed epidemic levels throughout the country in both rural and urban areas. **A Hepatitis Prevention and Cure Plan will be prepared** and implemented nationwide through public-private partnership.
- PML will as a strategy prioritize mother & child health through primary health preventive interventions with first referral services to be secondary level. Details are in the Womens Empowerment and Family Planning section.
- Pharmaceuticals is an expanding industry with both domestic and export demand. PML welcomes this progress and shall link it with the best interest of the user. In this regard PML will ensure. i) Manufacturing, sales and marketing of only quality medicines and under price control ii) Control and elimination of low quality and fake drug manufacture. Producers of fake drugs will be given exemplary punishment iii) provide access to affordable essential life saving drugs for the common man.



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The agrarian economy is Pakistan's backbone. The National Policy on Agriculture shall be adopted to actualize the vast untapped growth potential of Pakistan's agriculture, strengthen rural infrastructure to support faster agricultural development, promote value addition, accelerate the growth of agro business, create employment in rural areas, secure a fair standard of living for the farmers, agricultural workers and their families, discourage migration to urban areas and face the challenges arising out of economic liberalization and globalization.

### Over the next 5 years, THE PML aims to attain:

- Pakistan's crop productivity suffers heavily due to the non availability or a late availability of crucial inputs. The PML will for timely availability and at competitive prices ensure that input outlets are available at the farmers' doorstep. This will be achieved by the establishment of private sector service centers at union council level similar to the utility stores network.
- Vegetables being a seasonal crop consumers suffer due to high variation and fluctuation in prices during off season periods. The PML in Punjab had successfully initiated a subsidy scheme for promotion of Tunnel Farming in order to: (i) To extend the season. (ii) To improve farm income (iii) Provide relief to consumers. We will continue and expand this useful scheme in view of it's a successful track record.
- Agriculture constitutes 22 percent of GDP. Sizable bank deposits and savings originate from small towns and rural areas. In spite of this considerable contribution by the Agriculture sector to the national economy, the share of credit disbursed by the Banking Sector to Agriculture is less than 4 percent. This scenario has rendered Agriculture a resource poor and capital starved sector. The PML will ensure that the Agriculture sector is allocated at least 15% of Capital disbursed by Banks with the assistance of State Bank.
- The Livestock sector is a lifeline for the poorest of the poor and also the landless farmers. This sub-sector has the greatest potential for development and income generation for the disadvantaged group of society. The PML focus will be in 4 priority areas of Livestock development.
  - (I) Genetic improvement: We all promote the use of AI using quality semen for exotic breeds through imports and also promote our Sahiwal, Cholistani and other local breeds.
  - (ii) Proper Nutrition: We will promote the introduction and extension of new technologies of Hay and Silage production for a more balanced and nutritious feed for our Livestock population.
  - (iii) Introduce programs for landless and small farmers to rear cattle and small





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ruminants on easy financial terms.

(iv) Strong extension system: Promote public-private extension teams to provide up to date information and technology at farmer's doorstep especially the small farmers.

- The farming sector suffers repeatedly when export restrictions are imposed under the pretext of encouraging value added products. Additionally, in-country restriction on commodity movement hinders smooth trade thereby depressing prices. Whilst PML will ensure value add exports through implementation of certification programs and programs to encourage establishment of pack houses, cold chains, meat processing units etc. we will not restrict the export of basic commodities / Livestock etc. so as to provide adequate incentive for farmers to produce more. Similarly in country movement of Agriculture commodities/Livestock will not be restricted.
- Crop insurance is currently being imposed on a compulsory basis by the banks on disbursement of every Agriculture loan. Realization of claims is near impossible for farmers unless the whole area is declared a calamity zone by the government. Also the premiums charged by insurance companies are exorbitant. PML will simplify the procedures for insurance claim by individual farmers and also make it voluntarily for farmers to seek insurance cover when applying for Agriculture loans. Farmer's life insurance will be included as a part of crop insurance. Government will pick up 50 percent of insurance premium on behalf of farmer. Crop and Livestock insurance premiums will be rationalized
- Agriculture Research currently is extremely underfunded and over 80 percent of the research budget goes towards non productive operational cost such as salaries etc. Leaving only a small portion to conduct on-ground research. PML in recognition of the need for research will through rationalization of personnel, prioritizing research areas and reorganizing research institutions bring the ratio of operational budget versus research budget to 60-40 percent . Projects bearing practical solutions to our local conditions will be encouraged. Stakeholder/Demand based research will be undertaken. Public private partnership in Agriculture research will be encouraged.
- Farmer, organizations are an effective conduit for dialogue and communication with policy makers regarding on ground issues and problems. In the absence of a continuous primary input from the farm sector effective policy solutions are undermined. PML will strengthen farmers organizations through technical and monetary support. We will institutionalize input by farmers' associations by representation on policy making bodies and committees.
- Pakistan is amongst the largest producers of milk in the world, yet we are also a net importer of dry milk and other milk products. This is due to the inadequate preservation and logistic infrastructure. PML will strengthen the production and promotion of pasteurized milk packed in



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reusable bottles which is a more price effective way to market fresh milk.

- Wide fluctuation in commodity prices hurts the farmers' marketing capacity and income. This fluctuation occurs because the farmer is unable ascertain the correct price discovery in the market. **PML will institute an Electronic Agri Pricing Information System.** This will enable farmers to access the correct market price either electronically or through mobile phones. This will allow the farmer to correctly choose the best market for his commodity.
- Due to non availability of electricity for operating tubewells **PML** will introduce a subsidy in installing solar energy systems for tubewells thereby enabling the farmer to meet irrigation requirements. Concurrently farmers will also be relieved of the current pressure of load shedding & exorbitant electricity bills.
- **PML** will ensure procurement of the entire wheat crop on a timely basis at a fair support price.
- **PML will create Provincial Horticulture Export Boards** which will promote & ensure the production & export of fruits, vegetables and flowers. This high value added initiative is expected to generate Rs. 1 billion in the next 5 years.
- An Anti-Corruption hotline, in cooperation with the media will be established in the secretariat of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister to report, expose and document cases of corruption.



## JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORMS

PML recognizes that access to justice is a pressing public need. The lack of access to justice in general and to women in particular will be addressed on a sustained basis over the next five years through comprehensive judicial and police reforms.

### Judicial Reforms:

- PML's commitment to the people is speedy justice at the door step. It will focus on the provision of legal aid and equip the judicial system at the lower level with adequate manpower, infrastructure and capacity building.
- The parallel "judicial" system of jirgas will be effectively banned because of its deleterious effect on the dispensation of justice. Though it has been deemed illegal but continues to be in vogue and is an instrument of the powerful against the weak.
- Gender related measures will include the fast tracking of (i) women appointees in the lower judiciary (ii) elevation of women to the High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- The PML shall ensure speedy justice to people, expeditious disposal of cases, elimination of corrupt practices in lower judiciary, and affordable legal services.
- Vacancies in the superior courts would be filled up and sufficient number of courts and judges provided at the lower levels for easy access to justice and to clear the backlog of cases pending in courts.
- The appointments to subordinate judiciary will be made only through Public Service Commissions, which will be made autonomous.
- In order to attract the best lawyers to accept judicial appointments, emoluments of judges will be raised and appropriate facilities provided.
- The legal aid system for impoverished litigants with good causes will be strengthened.
- Additional court buildings and facilities will be provided where required and the existing facilities improved and modernized.
- Court procedures will be simplified and streamlined to avoid unnecessary expenditure and delays in settlement of cases.
- The legal education system & Judicial Academies will review the curriculum & training modules to meet contemporary needs. Gender, sensitization will be included at all levels.
- **Alternate Dispute Resolution Boards shall be constituted across Pakistan**, primarily at the local government level.
- Retainer ship fee to legal advisors shall be payable by companies through SECP.



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- Arrangements shall be made for payment of adequate stipend to young lawyers for first five years through Provincial Bar Councils & District Bar Associations.

### **Police Reforms:**

- PML recognizes that a weak link in the justice system is the police. The conduct of police forces towards the public is viewed as one of the key indicators of the quality of democracy.

### **PML will give priority attention to this matter whereby:**

- (i) The police will at all times be required to operate within the rule of law.
- (ii) The policing structure of criminal justice, prosecutor's office, correctional system etc will have operational, independence but will be trained to uphold the law and perform professionally as provided in the police code of ethics.
- (iii) Police reforms will focus on evolving a community oriented service.
- (iv) The procedure & registration of F.I.R shall be made easier & simpler and filing of false FIRs will be punished severely.



## NON-MUSLIM PAKISTANIS

PML in the words of Quaid-i-Azam considers Non-Muslims as equal citizens of the Pakistani state and they have the same rights as Muslims without any discrimination of color, creed, cast, language or gender. The Non-Muslims Pakistanis will have full freedom of worship and they can also freely profess and practices their religions and culture.

The PML actively demonstrates its solidarity with all Non-Muslims and acknowledges their nation building contribution towards Pakistan. The PML also see us to promotes peace and harmony in a multi-cultural society. We acknowledge the contribution and sacrifices of all Non-Muslims not only in the freedom movement but also for the development and prosperity of Pakistan.

The Pakistan Muslim League is committed to addressing the below mentioned issues for the empowerment of the religious minorities:-

- All steps will be taken to avoid the misuse of Blasphemy Law and those proven to have made false accusations shall be punished under the law.
- Necessary steps would be taken to stop forced conversions lawfully.
- **Religious Minorities Protection Bill will be introduced** to solve their matrimonial and other issues.
- Abolish the hate material in the syllabus of Schools, Colleges and Universities so that there is no discrimination between Muslims and the other religious minorities.
- To introduce on Interfaith Harmony in educational institution, the workplace & community.
- To insure the implementation of 5% quota of Government Jobs reserved for non Muslim for their economic empowerment.
- To make sure that the non-Muslim reserved seats will be increased according to their population
- Along with the reserved seats, the non-Muslim will also be given an opportunity to contest the election on general seats.
- Appoint a non-Muslim Chairman of Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) and will also appoint non-Muslims as head of various departments related to the matter concerning all religious minorities.



## SOCIAL PROTECTION

### Child Protection:

The PML promises:

- To work on legislation which protect the basic rights of the child as enjoined in the Quran and enunciated in the UN Child Rights Convention.
- **To establishing an autonomous National Commission for Child Rights.**
- To ensure protection and criminalize child abuse and exploitation.
- Children will be protected from trafficking and onerous child labor which interferes with their development.
- **The Child Protection Centre initiative** taken during the PML 2002-07 period for child destitutes and street children was an acknowledged success. **PML will replicate the model of child protection centres** in all provinces.

### Senior Citizens:

The PML shall ensure provision of following facilities and services for Senior citizens;

- Method of payment of pension amounts shall be simplified by use of modern technologies and re-organization of current system to prevent inconvenience to pensioners.
- **Old people homes shall be established** and facilitated with emergency medical equipments and services.
- Discounted rates of fares in all public transport.

### Disabled Persons:

The PML will ensure;

- The special needs and rights of the disabled particularly their right to normal life as equal citizens.
- The disabled shall be provided equal opportunities for studying at all the educational institution including those for higher education, both at home and abroad.
- Wheel Chair access, special toilets and parking facilities for disabled will be made compulsory in all present and future construction of buildings.
- Orphans and children with special needs will be provided with incentives and training for special skills and facilities in the existing orphanages and facilities which will be upgraded.

### Social Protection:

- PML Party shall ensure protection of consumer rights and evils like uncontrolled price hike and hoarding shall be strictly regulated.



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- Prisoner's rights will be protected and Public Legal Defenders will be provided at State expense to those Prisoners who cannot afford lawyer.
- Public Servant will be given due protection of the tenure, remuneration and prospects of promotion.
- Accountability of the public servants will be undertaken through a transparent and judicious procedure.

### Labour And The Workforce:

- The Industrial Relations Ordinance 2012 shall be reviewed to bring more clarity with respect to enforcement of workers' rights in conformity with ILO Conventions and fundamental rights guaranteed by Constitution of Pakistan.
- The EOBI and other welfare programs shall be qualitatively improved concluding increase in old age benefits pension. Public-private partnership shall be strengthened.
- The recent massive destruction and loss of lives in the workplace draws attention to the importance of occupational health and safety laws for factory workers. PML will ensure implementation of existing laws and strengthen them as required.
- The minimum wage for workers will be periodically enhanced.
- Total prohibition of child labour through effective monitoring and strict enforcement of law shall be ensured.
- Laws against bonded labour and unpaid labour shall be strengthened and effectively enforced.
- Labor laws with respect to individual grievance shall be amended and requirement of serving grievance notices shall be repealed.

### LOW COST HOUSING:

- The right to a decent shelter is a fundamental human right and the PML would like to ensure that housing is no longer a monopoly of only those with money.
- **The Pakistan Muslim will introduce a revolutionary program** for provision of low cost housing to those who cannot afford it. The Cheap Homes Initiative will be based on a coordination of a troika comprising: State land provided free by the Government; Builders willing to build low cost housing; and Home owners paying in installments for construction of this low cost housing. Low cost solar units will be installed for cheap electricity and relief from load shedding. Five marla holdings will be exempt from property tax.
- **PML will also introduce a Government Service Housing Foundation** for government employee from Grade 1 to 22, so that by time of retirement a house is available to them.



## MEDIA, CULTURE & ARTS

- The PML supports freedom of speech and will continue to strengthen responsible and fair Journalism practices in Pakistan. Electronic and Print Media shall continue to enjoy complete freedom of speech without any fear or consequences.
- Just as PML included media persons in the definition of persons under threat in the anti-terrorism Amendment Bill 2013. PML will legislate a **protection of Journalist Bill** to ensure their security and redressed in the case of threats and physical attack.
- The PML shall form a **Special Parliamentary Committee** to address all legitimate interests and concerns of free media and take steps based on committee recommendations for allowing maximum media access in all forms.
- The PML shall launch a **Comprehensive Insurance Policy for Journalists, Photographers and media persons**

### Promotion Of Culture & Arts:

- The PML believe that flourishing of arts and culture is vital to development of any society and it will take strong steps to promote diverse culture and language of Pakistan including step for protection of the cultural heritage.
- The PML shall establish a **Culture & Arts National Foundation** for extending old-age financial support and health facilities to the deserving artists from the field of performing arts, media and cultural heritage. Group life and medical insurance for artists, artisans, writers, poets and sportsmen shall be provided.





## OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS

The PML considers Overseas Pakistanis as a tremendous source of strength and asset for Pakistan and they work as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill for Pakistan wherever they live and work. The overseas Pakistanis deserve to be given their due rights and role in their mother country.

- PML will ensure a convenient and simplified procedure which enables Overseas Pakistani's to cast their votes.
- **PML shall formulate and Invest in Pakistan Policy for Overseas Pakistanis.** They shall be recognized as Non-Resident Pakistani's provided with an attractive investment in Pakistan package.
- Special quota zones shall be created in maximum areas for investment by Overseas Pakistani's.
- Overseas Pakistani shall be provided economic and education incentives on the basis of their investment in the country.
- During PML tenure established a Pakistan consulate in Barcelona, direct PIA flight from Milan and Barcelona and allowed free transport for dead bodies of overseas Pakistanis, were some of the reforms which will be pursued.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Traffic congestion and vehicles pollution is worsening each day. There is a huge gap between the number of new vehicles coming on the road every day and the existing infrastructure. In addition it adds to congestion, vehicular pollution and respiratory diseases. It also consumes huge resources in terms of petrol and diesel. The only ways to cure this problems, to improve the public, mass transportation system and make it a more attractive option to the middle and upper middle class people to use small and medium size cars to travel to their work places. It make only common sense to understand the people who are accustomed to use the personal transport to travel, will make switch over the public transport only when the option is convenient, comfortable and easily accessible.

### The PML shall take to following measures to improve Mass Transportation:-

- **The PML innovative Lahore Rapid Mass Transit Scheme will be revived.** This state of the art, Asian Bank sponsored project, is to be an underground transport facility, energy saving service to 30 thousands passengers an hour. It will provide employment during construction to 10 thousands persons and a two hour journey will be covered in 21 minutes.
- Mass transit is pivotal to major urban centres and the PML will take initiatives to provide easily accessible mass transit and public transport to commuters living in urban areas.
- A policy shall be framed and legal framework shall be adopted to allow and deploy affordable environment friendly and quality transportation means initially in major cities.
- Shuttle bus services linking to major industrial cities shall be launched.
- Traffic Police Reforms shall be introduced.



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PML recognizes the issue of water resources and global climate change impact not only on the environment but touch on the lives of every individual: man, woman and child. This issue which has clear linkages with poverty, food security, migration and environmental disasters has been the victim of neglect.

Inappropriate and ill-conceived projects have put under extreme stress our land, soil, water, forests, and wildlife. High population growth rate is an additional source of environmental degradation. Our forests are dwindling, leading to erosion of valuable topsoil threatening the livelihood of people living in the mountains. The uncontrolled growth of urban areas with poor sanitation conditions is threatening natural ecosystems.

PML will aggressively undertake the following:

- **Set up a National Environment, Climate Change & Water Resources Authority** to holistically address the issue nationally, regionally & internationally.
- Committed to a greener & cleaner Pakistan all projects will comply with all EPA requirement particularly feasibility. Punitive action will be taken for violations.
- Food security is also an environment & growth, Nutrition needs, consumption patterns, fresh water needs have doubled. A Food Security Task Force will be set-up to examine the issue, provide recommendations & monitor implementation.
- Establish green spaces through Public parks across the country.
- Activate the Environment Protection Act 1997 which provides a framework for conservation of wildlife and biodiversity, establishment of environmental tribunals and magistrates, inclusion of environmental issues in school curriculum, and public awareness; Violations will be strictly dealt with.
- Design national guidelines and modules for the development of towns and cities as a planning and implementation tool for urban development.
- Eliminate the timber Mafia by criminalizing illegal erosion of forest cover and ensure transfer of economic benefits to the local inhabitants from legal logging.
- Ban import of hazardous chemical wastes for recycling by any industry or for dumping. Develop and implement community based programs for conversion of degraded forests and wasteland into quality forests.
- Deny exploitation of offshore resources, especially marine life, by big trawlers.
- Heat waves, floods and infectious diseases out breaks are just some of the public health threats that could be exacerbated by climate change. We as a country need to access our own climate



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related public health risks and put effective adaptation measures in place.

- Offer incentives to the private sector to invest in research and development in environment-friendly technology for application in agriculture, industry and the services sector.
- Waste Disposal measures to be put in place through an integrated plan are:
  - (i) Develop programs to clean our river systems, streams and other water bodies.
  - (ii) Proper facilities provided for storage of waste at source in public places.
  - (iii) Domestic waste thrown on streets, trade waste on roads/streets, construction debris left unattended, bio medical waste dispose in municipal waste stream, industrial waste in open areas shall be made a criminal offence.
  - (iv) Local municipal authorities shall be made accountable and responsible for inefficient removal of solid waste and in sanitary conditions.
  - (v) The local body shall be funded for solid waste management planning and projects. An institutional set up will be put in place for waste management and planning and designing in local bodies.
  - (vi) Technically trained manpower shall be hired and community involvement shall be encouraged for waste management.
- Pakistan is considered a high impact country vis a vis climate change and global warming. Forest cover in Pakistan is consistently dwindling and has reached alarming proportions (less than 5 percent) with two major consequences: (i) Soil erosion in the catchments areas of major river systems is silting our dams at an ever increasing pace. (ii) Due to less green cover temperatures are rising. PML will undertake aggressive forestation and plantation initiatives. We will promote the concept of Agro-forestry through provision of technical advice and material support to the farming community in Barani and marginal lands.



## OVER POPULATION & FAMILY PLANNING

The impact of Pakistan's population explosion is visible. Population growth at 2.05% is the biggest in the SAARC Region after Afghanistan. The current addition of 5.3 million each year to the estimated 180 million population poses a serious threat to food security, commodity prices, economic stability and is the cause of unemployment, social conflict, poverty and terrorism.

PML, further recognizes that though the fertility transition has set in, the unmet need for family planning is as high as 25%. Reducing fertility diminishes the economic burden whereby every Rs. 100 invested in family planning saves approximately Rs. 400 on services in social sectors of health, education & potable water

PML will:

- **Bring back the much needed focus to Pakistan's runaway population growth.**
- The Population Policy will be dictated by the twin objective of (i) population of planning which will be conducive to sustainable development (ii) access to affordable client centred family planning services.
- Political leadership and financial resources will be provided to targeted interventions amongst which will be.
  - i) trained midwife at every UC level
  - ii) men's constructive involvement as community leaders, in media for advocacy & awareness building and in decision making on family size
  - iii) ensure (i) ownership by the provinces of the devolved population programme (ii) make family planning service delivery an integral part of health services from the LHW/BHU level to teaching hospitals.
  - iv) Contraceptive commodity security & supply chain system will be ensured for adequate supply at all levels.
- Lack of credible and reliable data/statistics is a serious concern. PML will ensure:
  - (i) The neglect in generating a national data base is addressed by creation of an Autonomous Federal Bureau of Statistics where all data gathering mechanisms will be housed.
  - (ii) The overdue Population Census is immediately undertaken.
  - (iii) The long awaited national birth and death registration system is put in place by NADRA on a priority basis.



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### Balochistan:

The PML in line with its democratic values believes in giving maximum autonomy to the provinces and create an environment of provincial harmony, with an ultimate vision of strengthening federation.

The PML also believes in extending maximum support and financial independence to the provinces to address their political, social and economic issues in more effective manner.

### The PML shall in Balochistan:

- **Ensure implementation of Parliamentary Committee's Report of 2005 on Balochistan.**
- Engage all stake-holders of Balochistan to find an immediate solution to the existing law and order situation and to curb acts of terrorism and extremism by devising a mechanism in consultation with all, and through effective administration of province without any external interference.
- Curtail the role of Army and Para Military Forces in Balochistan only to the extent of National Security and defense purposes.
- Support all such development efforts to improve lifestyles of the people, standard of services and cultural change not in conflict with their tradition and cultural identity.
- Give top priority to the issue of missing persons and engage all Government agencies responsible to ensure safety of the people.
- Provide maximum opportunities and deploy local Baloch people in the existing and future natural gas projects.
- Establish vocational and Technical Institutions shall be established in all the major cities of Balochistan to provide skills and training to local Baloch people.
- Increase existing royalty payment on sale of natural gas to meet developmental needs of the provinces.
- NFC Share of Balochistan shall be revised and increased according to their immediate development needs in the areas such as Health, Education, Communication Infrastructure.
- Initiate Womens Education and Womens Literacy projects on priority basis.
- Generate employment opportunities for youth.
- Strengthen Government institution, local bodies and public departments through proper legal frameworks to prevent interference and influence of the elite class of Balochistan in the



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administrative affairs of the Province.

- Initiate and support Government of Balochistan in exploration of natural resources of all type.
- Take all necessary steps to make Gwadar Port functional and operational to generate revenues for development of Balochistan and Pakistan.

### Karachi Issue:

- **The PML shall establish a Karachi Emergency Camp** in Karachi comprising of Senior Legislators, Journalists, Retired Judges, Bureaucrats, Police Officers, Ranger Officers, and representative of all religious groups to brain-storm and develop a consensus on possible and immediate solution to control Karachi law and order situation.
- The PML shall address all energy needs of the Karachi industrial estates to maximize production and economic growth by engaging business community and finding practical solutions to existing energy crises with their consultation.
- The PML shall involve all political groups of Sindh to devise an mutually acceptable local body system to provide maximum powers to the representatives of the people in local administrative affairs in line with the spirit of the Constitution of Pakistan.

### FATA:

Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan is the focus of tension in the world today. These areas have always played a pivotal role in the history of region. The area is a treasure of rugged land scape, archeology and cultural legacy. Society is distinguished for its hospitality, bravery, culture and tradition.

- PML believes FATA needs a healing touch so that through democracy and development, the area can be secured against terrorism and extremism. **PML believing that political parties can be a major factor of unity, peace and stability in FATA, will initiate a party based democratic political process in FATA.**
- FATA shall be brought in mainstream National Politics through holding party based elections. **Laws such as Frontier Crimes Regulations (FCR) shall be abolished** and replaced by national laws and the judicial system.
- The PML shall take immediate steps in consultation and support of the elders of the respective areas in FATA, to bring educational reforms for improving the existing literacy rate of 17% to at least 25%.
- Health Sector Reforms shall be priority in FATA areas.
- A dialogue will be initiated with the local militants groups and Taliban's to bring peace in the area



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and prevent foreign aggression and interference.

- **PML will revise the existing Political Agent System** and bring a mechanism to increase maximum participation of responsible local elders in developmental projects and initiatives of the FATA area.

### **New Provinces:**

The PML supports creation of the new provinces of Hazara and South Punjab and all necessary steps within Parliament will be taken to create new provinces of South Punjab and Hazara to provide better life opportunities, administrative services and development for the people of these areas, in accordance with a laid-down criteria.

### **Better Governance:**

For better governance, the PML will establish a special Ministerial-Level triple Task Force for combining ideas, initiatives & implementation, which will make public its work on a monthly basis.

The PML will support establishing think-tanks in political parties represented in Parliament, so that fresh ideas and solutions emerge to solve lingering problems.





## FOREIGN POLICY

The Pakistan Muslim League strongly believes in an independent foreign policy made in Pakistan by Pakistani decision makers, aimed at protecting, promoting and preserving the interests of Pakistan and its people. The foreign policy of Pakistan will primarily promote close relations and peace in the region in which Pakistan is located, by strengthening relations with the traditional friends like China, promoting peace in South Asia and Central Asia, deepening relations with Muslim world and building stable relations with the West and international community based on equality and reciprocity. The PML strongly feels that international relations should be governed by the rule of law and the UN Charter and it rejects any notion of "might is right" since that would mean reverting to the law of jungle.

PML fully supports the right of self-determination of the people of Kashmir through implementation of United Nations resolutions. Kashmir remains a test case for the international community and Pakistan must continue to raise its voice in support for the Kashmiri people and provide them full moral, political and diplomatic support as their cause is just.

The Pakistan Muslim League recognizes the unified APHC as representative of the sentiments and aspirations of the oppressed people of Jammu & Kashmir. While pursuing the peace process with India with vigour, since it is conducive to a stable South Asia, Pakistan should also pursue pro-active engagement which enables the people of Jammu & Kashmir to realize their legitimate right to self determination in accordance with relevant UN resolutions.

For the Pakistan Muslim League, Kashmir is above all not a territorial issue but a problem of humanity and welfare of the Kashmiri people and this will be paramount in Pakistan's policy.

The Pakistan Muslim League supports the establishment of an independent, democratic state in Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital and the people of the West Bank and Gaza must have the right to elect any government of their own choice.

The Pakistan Muslim League supports a peaceful solution in Afghanistan by cooperating in the withdrawal of foreign forces in Afghanistan and facilitating a dialogue with the Taliban. Only genuine national reconciliation and upholding the unity, territorial integrity and independence of Afghanistan can bring stability and peace return to that war-torn country.

PML also supports a peace process in Afghanistan that should include all of Afghanistan immediate neighbors including Pakistan, China, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, and endorses the opening of a Taliban office in Doha, Qatar.

With the inexorable shift in the balance of economic and political power from the West to the East, the 21<sup>st</sup> century is being transformed into an Asian Century. Pakistan must play its rightful role in this Asian Century and push for a closer cooperation among Asian countries while rejecting any notion



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of reverting to a cold war mindset. Hegemony of any power must be rejected and the principle of Right is Might is up-held.

The Pakistan Muslim League welcomes the Arab Spring as a positive re-assertion of the popular will in the region since it has restored democracy and promoted the supremacy of the ballot. We also welcome the manifestation of the power of public opinion that is being demonstrated through the activism of civil society and the media.

- The PML will not allow Pakistan's territory to be used against any country nor will it tolerate outside interference in internal affairs.
- The PML government will work for a regional economic framework for the countries of South Asia Central Asia and Gulf to benefit its entire people. Such a regional economic grouping has the potential to turn into a global economic powerhouse, attracting investment, creating jobs and eliminating poverty.
- The PML shall adhere to its supreme guiding principle of preserving independence and sovereignty of the country in the conduct of the country's foreign policy.
- The PML shall support Iran's peaceful Nuclear Program under the IAEA.
- The PML shall execute International Treaties to control child trafficking.



## NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE

National Security, which has been defined in the past only in military terms, has to be revised and redefined to include key civilian components that today are an integral part of National Security. The defense of the country can no longer be envisaged only within the framework of military might such as a standing army, modern equipment, F-16 planes, naval submarines, missiles or atomic weapons alone. The notion of national defense in today's Pakistan has to include involvement of key stake holders like the parliament, political parties, judiciary, media, civil society. This is equally important as the federation of Pakistan is knit together and strengthened by such pluralism, the mainstay of which would be harmony between Khaki and Mufti in promoting cohesion via a collective vision and the will to ensure coordination among all these principal players.

In the current context, the nature of the threat to national defense comes from unconventional sources and is no longer an issue of defending the country against foreign military aggression from across the border. The new kinds of threats that can undermine the country's defense and security over time, include climate change, cyber warfare, sectarian terrorism, anti-Pakistan propaganda, weak economy, the energy crisis and bad governance leading to deterioration in internal security, where the state sometimes lacks the capacity to protect the lives, liberty and property of the common man.

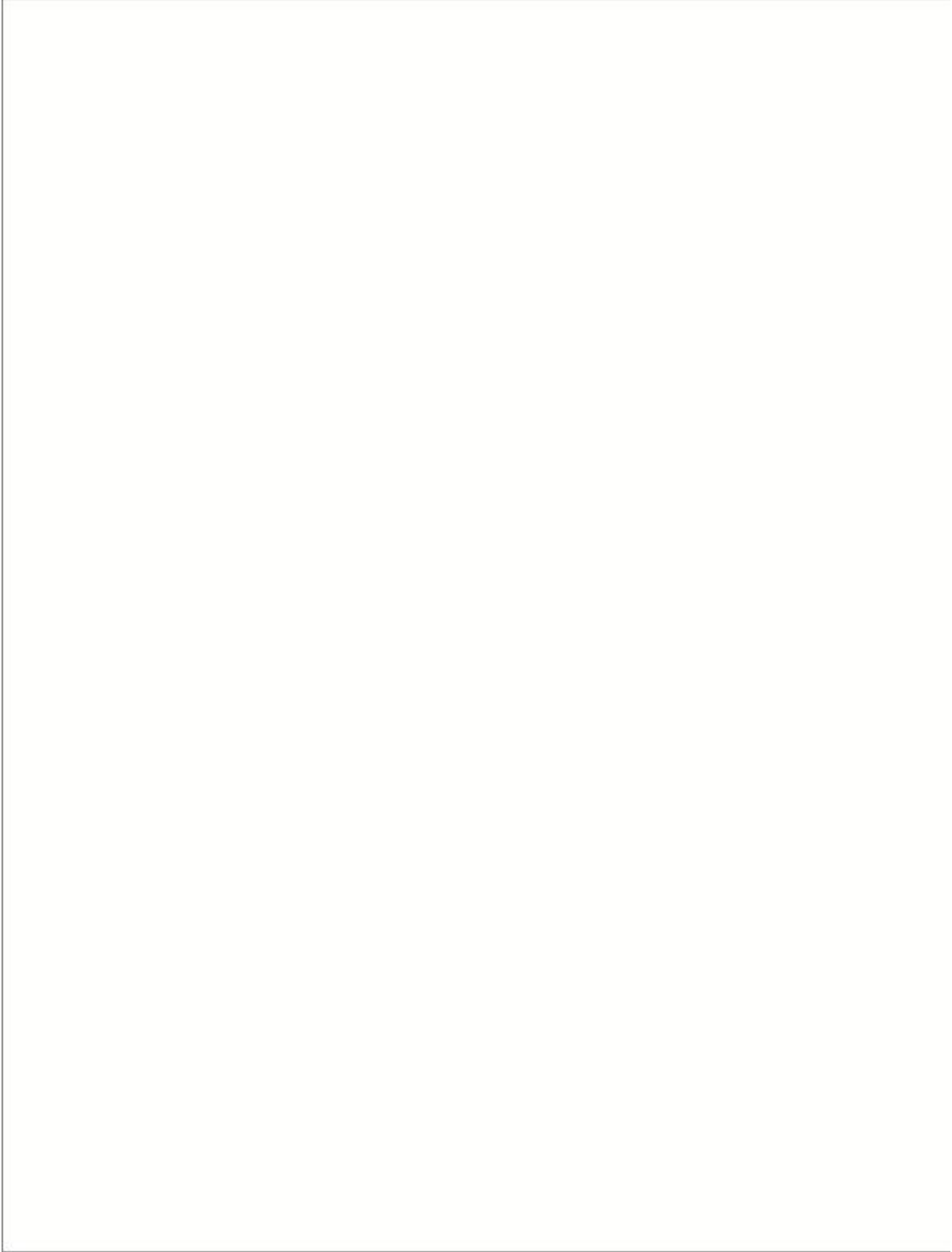
"Zero tolerance" policy for any non-state actors using Pakistani territory to plan, organize, train or launch military attacks against any of Pakistan's neighbors. Two of Pakistan's closest friends and neighbors, China and Iran, have filed serious complaints on this count. Pakistan can no longer use the argument of "absence of the writ of the state in ungoverned spaces in parts of Pakistan" as an excuse because this means abdication of a fundamental responsibility for happenings within our territorial jurisdiction as a state. More importantly, whether by design or by default, such a failure to exercise control over what happens in parts of Pakistan vis-à-vis the neighbors, then allows others to violate our sovereignty and threaten our security with impunity.



## NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE

### The PML shall:

- Redefine National Security to include civilian components like respect for the rule of law and human rights, political parties with a national vision, provincial autonomy, a strong economy and education, an independent media and judiciary, a robust civil society as well as a sovereign parliament.
- **Constitute a National Security Council (NSC) headed by the Prime Minister**, which should include the Leader of Opposition, Federal Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Defense, Finance, Interior and Information, plus Chief Ministers of the provinces and heads of the armed forces, with its secretariat within the Prime Minister's Secretariat.
- **Appoint a full time National Security Adviser**, of Cabinet rank, to coordinate work of the National Security Council Secretariat
- Engage government think tanks such as the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad Policy Research Institute or Institute of Regional Studies for intellectual input to NSC secretariat.
- Bring defense budget within the purview of the National Assembly for approval.
- Support building a modern and well equipped Armed Forces, as a professional fighting machine functioning within the framework of the Constitution.
- **PML** will strengthen the sovereign parliaments responsibility for regulating democratic civil-military relations by holding, the executive accountable for developing, implementing and review of the security and defense policy.
- Strengthen the Defense and Foreign Affairs Committees of the National Assembly and the Senate. These committees must have access to all information pertaining to their respective ministries. The **PML** also welcomes the initiatives of opening up these Committee meetings to the press and the public so that the bureaucratic culture of secrecy is replaced by transparency.
- Support the development of an indigenous defense capability and defense production since that is important in lessening dependence on outside assistance.
- Pakistan's nuclear program is a vital component of National Security and will be safeguarded to serve both as a deterrence against aggression and to preserve and protect our national independence.
- There will be no compromise in maintaining a credible nuclear deterrence for the regional balance of power.
- Pakistan will neither accept double standards on the nuclear issue nor allow intrusion into its nuclear program or provide access to any of its nuclear installations and scientists to outsiders.





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