Important events in the history of Pakistan.

14 August 1947 – Creation of Pakistan as a new and independent country. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah is sworn in as Governor General, Liaquat Ali Khan becomes Prime Minister.


September 1947 – Pakistan becomes a member of the United Nations Organisation.

11 September 1948 – Muhammad Ali Jinnah passes away.

14 September 1948 – Khwaja Nazimuddin made Governor General.

17 September 1948 – India invades Hyderabad (Deccan).

12 March 1949 – Objectives Resolution passed

1949 - Public and Representative Officers Disqualification Act [PRODA] passed.


16 October 1951 – Liaquat Ali Khan assassinated while addressing a public meeting in Rawalpindi.

October 1951 – Malik Ghulam Muhammad sworn in as Governor General, Khawaja Nazimuddin becomes Prime Minister.

17 April 1953 – Nazimuddin dismissed from Premiership. Muhammad Ali Bogra becomes Prime Minister.

21 September 1954 – PRODA repealed. The Assembly passes laws limiting the powers of the Governor General.

29 September 1954 – Ghulam Muhammad dissolves the Assembly, new cabinet sworn in.

28 May 1955 – New Assembly elected.

August 1955 – Ghulam Muhammad forced to resign due to ill health.


5 October 1955 – One Unit system introduced.

23 March 1956 – Pakistan’s first Constitution formally enforced on 23 March.
12 September 1956 – Chaudri Muhammad Ali resigns, Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy made Prime Minister.

8 October 1957 – Suhrawardy dismissed, I.I. Chundrigar appointed Prime Minister.


7 October 1958 – Mirza proclaims martial law and appoints himself President.

24 October 1958 – Ayub Khan is appointed Prime Minister.

27 October 1958 – General Ayub Khan becomes President.

October 1959 – Basic Democracies introduced.


September 1965 – War with India.

25 March 1969 – Ayub forced to resign.

March 1969 – Yayha Khan, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, becomes President. One Unit system repealed.


December 1970 – Awami League wins majority in the National Assembly.

25 March 1971 – Civil War breaks out between East and West Pakistan.

4 December 1971 – India declares war on Pakistan.

16 December 1971 – Pakistan army in East Pakistan forced to surrender.

20 December 1971 – Yayha resigns as President, Bhutto takes over.

21 December 1971 – Republic of Bangladesh officially declared an independent nation.