

The Genesis of the Present Development and How to Put the Economy on a Sound Footing

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Fifty-two years have gone down the drain. The image of Pakistan has been steadily going from bad to worse. Many a factor has contributed to this continued decadence. The major factor being the continuation of the colonial set-up inherited by the new state from the British Raj. This meant keeping intact ancient regime passed on to the emerging political forces from the erstwhile colonial set-up. A modicum of British Parliamentary system was adopted. Side by side with this, the old administrative wherewithal was however allowed to continue with some minor adjustments here and there. The dispensation of justice and the legal set-up was also selected to run the affairs of the state. All this happened mainly due to the fact that the political leadership did not have the experience of running the newly-born state. Their efforts, in the past, had mainly concentrated on getting rid of the British rulers. Soon after partition, there emerged numerous problems like the massive inflow of refugees, which bogged down the new regime with intricate issues to resolve. This process continued for more than a decade. President Muhammad Ayub tried to set things right in the late fifties but his experiment did not prove successful on the wider canvas of state management. His singular contribution was nevertheless witnessed on the economic front. Subsequent regimes,

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